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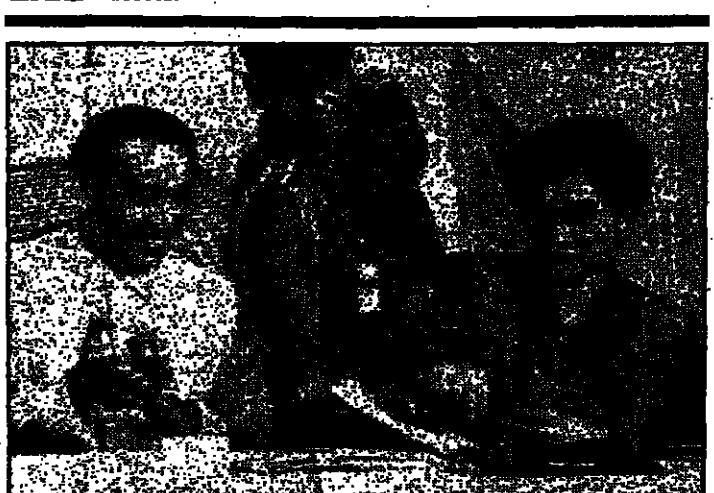
World stunned: Rafsanjani

TEHRAN, June 9. (Agencies): Iranian Parliament Speaker Hashemi Rafsanjani turned the Friday prayer sermon at Tehran University, billed as a memorial service for Ayatollah Khomeini, into a massive rally for the patriarch's successor.

Rafsanjani's sermon, a mixture of politics and religion, dealt mainly with justifying the surprise choice of President Ali Khamenei as supreme political and religious leader.

He said Khamenei met the conditions outlined in April by Khomeini for his successor, and that settling the issue quickly had stunned the world expecting a power struggle in Iran.

Rafsanjani's remarks came a day after the commanders of the Iranian armed forces pledged loyalty to Khamenei. At a press conference yesterday Rafsanjani said he would remain acting commander-in-chief of the armed forces.



President Corazon Aquino signs into law yesterday a bill raising the present 64 pesos daily wage of industrial workers in the Philippines by 25 pesos. To the right of Aquino is senator Ernesto Herrera, one of the bill's authors.

No to return of Marcos' body

Imelda cuts album

MANILA, June 9. (Agencies): President Corazon Aquino said yesterday the government will take all necessary measures to prevent the shipment to the Philippines of Ferdinand Marcos' remains if the exiled ruler dies in Hawaii.

Some 200 Marcos supporters staged a two-hour prayer rally at the US embassy demanding the return of the 20-year dictator from Hawaiian exile.

Aquino was asked by palace reporters about a statement by Marcos' lawyers that the Philippine government has no right to interfere if his family decides to ship the ousted ruler's body to Manila upon his death.

"This matter is definitely within the competence of the government in its duty to protect the people and the government will take all necessary measures to make that protection effective," Aquino said.

Asked if she planned to cancel a trip to Europe next month if Marcos dies, Aquino said: "No, it is our duty to protect the people and the government will take all necessary measures to make that protection effective."

Aquino also said her national security adviser has denied news reports quoting him as saying Marcos would probably be allowed to return on condition his supporters in Manila refrain from destabilizing her government.

Marcos was in improved condition Wednesday after doctors used an abscess in his pancreas during three hours of emergency exploratory surgery, officials at St Francis Medical Center said.

Despite his illness, Marcos and his wife Imelda have continued to ask the Philippine government to allow him to return to his homeland to die.

The Aquino government has also refused requests to let Marcos go home to bury his mother, Josefa Marcos, 95, died May 4, 1988.

The Marcoses, Saudi Arabian businessman Adnan Khashoggi, and seven others are charged with embezzling \$345 million in Philippine government funds to buy prime New York City properties between 1972 and 1978.

The defendants are accused of transferring the allegedly illegally obtained funds to the United States and defrauding financial institutions to buy the buildings, which were listed at \$300 million.

Imelda, who sang for votes for 20 years in the Philippines, has recorded her first record album, a collection of her husband's favourite love songs.

The album — "Imelda Papin featuring songs with Mrs Imelda Romualdez Marcos" — will be formally released Sunday during a private reception in Waikiki.

Imelda recorded six songs for the album, five solos and a duet with Ms Papin, who has 25 gold or platinum albums in her homeland.

Ms Papin, the youngest singer ever inducted in the Philippines Entertainment Hall of Fame and a longtime friend of the Marcoses, produced the album.

Kuwait appears to be buyer of Midland Bank stake

LONDON, June 9. (Reuters): The Kuwait Investment Office (KIO) appeared to be the most likely buyer of a 5.2-per cent stake in Britain's third largest clearing bank which British conglomerate NatWest Group said this week, share analysts said.

They said the KIO, London-based trading office of the Kuwait government, seemed to be seeking to increase its existing 5.1-per cent stake in Midland Bank as a long-term investment, with an eye to a potential merger between the British bank and Hong Kong-based Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corp.

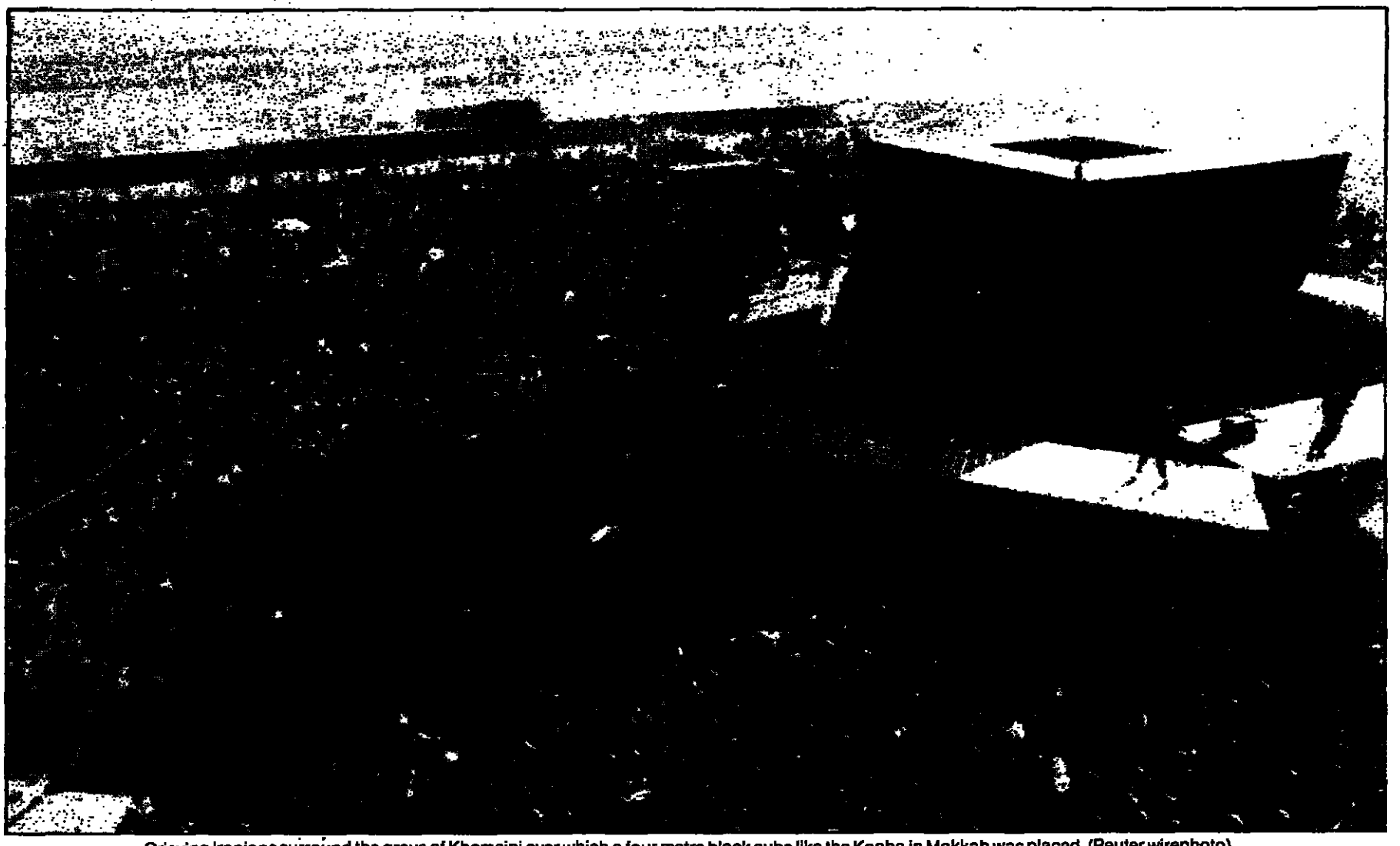
KIO would not comment on yesterday's sale by Hanson but analyst William Vincent at broker Salomon Bros said: "The KIO is the strongest candidate, they will sit on it as a long-term investment until somebody offers them more money."

He said KIO could be waiting for Midland to announce a full merger with Hongkong Bank to cash in on what is likely to be a substantial bid premium to its prevailing share price.

Hongkong Bank took a 14.9-per cent stake in Midland in late 1987 and, despite a three-year standstill agreement, most analysts believed a merger was likely before it expired.

A Midland spokesman squelched market speculation that Hongkong Bank had acquired the Hanson stake. He said the bank would have had to clear it with Midland, and with Britain's central bank, the Bank of England, which can prevent a buyer acquiring more than 14.9 per cent of a British financial institution.

The buyer of Hanson's stake must reveal its identity before next Thursday — five trading days after the sale.



Grieving Iranians surround the grave of Khomeini over which a four metre black cube like the Kaaba in Makkah was placed. (Reuters wirephoto)

Iran turns Khomeini grave into a Kaaba replica

TEHRAN, June 9. (Reuters): Iran has turned the grave of Ayatollah Khomeini, focus of mourning for its grieving population, into a visual replica of the Muslim world's holiest shrine in Makkah.

Shipping containers draped in black cloth surrounded the grave, forming a wall that from ground level resembles the Holy Kaaba in Makkah.

Millions of Muslims throng in pilgrimage to the Saudi city every year, although Iran boycotted the haj ceremonies last year because of a dispute with the Riyadh government over pilgrim quotas.

"This is a sacred place. We came here to have the blessing of the imam (Khomeini)," said Ali Ahmad, one of the thousands of mourners gathered at the south Tehran gravesite.

Grieving Iranians, beating their chests and heads in despair, have flocked to the site since Khomeini was buried there on Tuesday amid scenes of pandemonium.

One freight container was placed over the shallow grave on Tuesday to prevent frantic mourners disturbing the site but the grave is now open to the air within a four-metre (13-foot) high wall of containers.

An outer ring of lower containers keeps mourners at a distance from the Kaaba-like structure, which they circle as pilgrims do in Makkah.

The mourners, many of whom spend hours at the site despite the intense sun, hand cloths and towels to Revolutionary Guards around the grave who hold them against the black containers to be blessed.

"This is not a Kaaba, Kaaba is for God," said clergyman Sayed Ahmad Ghefari.

"When he (Khomeini) was alive his body was leading the Muslims. When he died his soul is flying over the heads of Muslims. The soul is stronger than the body," he said.

Red, white and green Iranian flags flutter from the top of the containers. Gold inscriptions on an all-red flag read "There is only one God."

One container has a portrait of Khomeini flanked by pictures of Ali Khamenei, the man named as his successor, and the powerful parliamentary Speaker Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani.

Bush speaks Renounce terror, Iran told

WASHINGTON, June 9. (Agencies): President Bush reiterated to Iran yesterday that if the Middle Eastern nation wants better relations with the United States it should "do what's right" and seek freedom for US hostages in Lebanon and renounce terrorism.

He also urged an end to violence in China.

Iran earlier in the day had suggested it would help the US seek freedom for the hostages held by fundamentalist Muslim sects in strife-torn Lebanon in return for US assistance in freeing Iranians held by Christian sects in that country.

"We can't have normalised relations with a state that's branded a terrorist state," Bush said at a nationally televised news conference. "Secondly, they must facilitate release of American hostages."

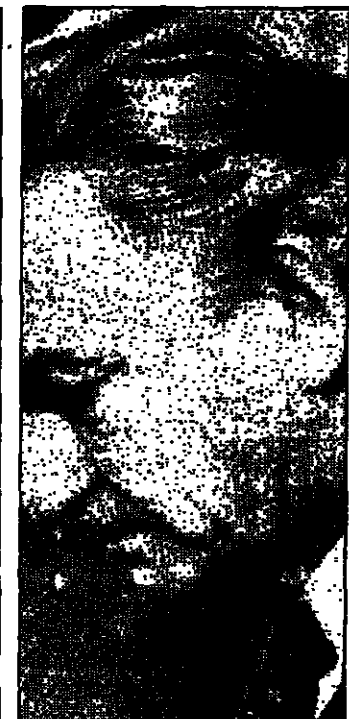
It was his first official news conference.

Bush said the US had given Iran information once on Iranians being held captive in Lebanon, adding that for relations to improve, "it's going to take a change in behaviour. We like the Iranian people."

"We don't mind name-calling. They keep calling us the 'Great Satan'... The names don't hurt you, but performance is what we're looking for and I don't see so far any sign of change."

Bush noted he "held out the olive branch" to Iran in his inaugural address.

"I said, 'look, you want better relations, do what's right by people who are held against their will'."



Hawke: cries



Deng: Praise

Army makes its presence felt

Deng reappears

BEIJING, June 9. (Agencies): China's senior leader Deng Xiaoping made a dramatic reappearance today after being out of sight for a turbulent three weeks during which the Chinese communist state faced its biggest crisis.

The 84-year-old Deng had been rumoured dead or swept aside until he appeared on state television praising troops who crushed student-led protests and announcing that his open-door economic policies would not change.

Diplomats had been likening the world's most populous nation to a dinosaur without a head until Deng's reappearance, seemingly designed to quash the view that a leaderless China was heading for civil war.

The diminutive Deng looked frail and spoke haltingly and indistinctly in his rasping Sichuanese accent.

He was manifestly less ebullient than on his previous public appearance on May 16.

receiving Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev for what many thought would be the climax of his political career.

Since then China has been in turmoil after student-led pro-democracy demonstrations were crushed by the military with the loss of hundreds, perhaps thousands of lives.

But the communist veteran has again sowed he is a great survivor and seems, for the moment, to be still on top.

After the founding of the People's Republic in 1949, he was twice purged, suffering humiliation at the hands of Mao Tse-tung's Red Guards and the wrath of Mao's widow.

Deng, who will be 85 in August, had been widely rumoured to be gravely ill in hospital with prostate cancer.

Duty

Wearing a grey Mao suit, he was shown on television flanked by Premier Li Peng and President Yang Shangkun.

Communist Party general secretary Zhao Ziyang was not shown present at the meeting. The 69-year-old reformist is believed to have been ousted for opposing the crackdown on China's democracy movement. Zhao's fellow reformists, Hu Qili and Tian Jiyun also were absent, while virtually all the headline officials were present.

Deng praised and mourned troops who died putting down what he called a "counter-revolutionary rebellion" in Beijing on Saturday night and Sunday morning.

The television news showed Deng and other ageing conservatives, including Li and Yang posing for a picture with senior military officials at Communist Party headquarters.

The officials stood silently for a minute in tribute to soldiers who died "in putting down a counter-revolutionary rebellion" over the weekend, the official Xinhua news agency reported.

"Facing a life-threatening situation, our troops never forgot the people, never forgot the party, never forgot the country's

Pregnant woman beaten at airport

By Arab Times staff

A BANGLADESHI doctor's pregnant wife said she was harassed, beaten and kicked by security personnel at Kuwait International Airport. She is being held, pending investigations, at the Kheitan police station since Wednesday.

She has been charged with "slapping a policeman."

She was returning to London via Kuwait with her husband and two daughters after visiting her father-in-law, who was ill in Dhaka.

The lady told the Arab Times she has been charged with "slapping a policeman," based on the testimony of two witnesses, an Egyptian and a Kuwaiti. She claims the witnesses were brought by the security men who actually "slapped and kicked me in front of my husband, children and other passengers."

"The policemen did not take our statement; they made us wait for three hours at the airport police station, questioned a Kuwaiti and Egyptian passenger, and made their case. We were then taken to the Kheitan police station, where my wife was detained and I was forcibly returned to the Transit Hotel with my daughters," said her distraught husband.

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Zahed Matar

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Scientists attack asthma Ray of hope

LONDON, June 9. (KUNA): Asthma and hay fever sufferers were offered new hope yesterday after a breakthrough by British medical researchers.

The team, from leading centres in Oxford, southern England, has discovered that the majority of these allergic diseases are simply inherited.

The scientists have already narrowed research for the so-called "single rogue gene" they said predisposes people to the misery of hay fever, and in the more severe symptoms of asthma, which kills 2,000 people a year in Britain.

Once they find the gene, and discover exactly how it is involved in the disease process, new methods of prevention and treatment could be devised, they said.

The research, published in the authoritative medical journal, The Lancet, was carried out by consultant physician Dr Julian Hopkin and research fellow Dr William Cookson at the Churchill and Joan Radcliffe Hospitals.

They said they found evidence that allergies to common inhaled particles were inherited after studying 500 people from several generations within a small number of families.

Scientists unsure if fat linked to cancer

BOSTON, June 9. (UPI): Does the amount of fat in a woman's diet influence her risk of developing breast cancer?

Although several studies have recently cast doubt on the hypothesis that high levels of dietary fat increase the risk of developing breast cancer, some scientists believe more research is needed to settle the issue.

"There have been a couple of studies which did not show a dietary fat relationship, which has dampened the enthusiasm for this whole hypothesis," said Dr Arthur Schatzkin of the National Cancer Institute.

"We have the sense that people have sort of written the whole thing off and there was no relationship between dietary fat and cancer. But our feeling is that the hypothesis is not yet dead," said Schatzkin.

In an article published in the June 9 edition of The Journal of the American Medical Association, Schatzkin and his colleagues argued that while the evidence so far has been against the hypothesis, more studies are needed.

"There need to be more large epidemiologic prospective studies," said Schatzkin in an interview.

At least 140,000 American women develop breast cancer and some 43,000 die from the disease each year. One in every 10 US women will develop the disease in her lifetime.

Researchers had speculated that along with other risk factors, high levels of fat in the diet could increase the risk for breast cancer, perhaps by affecting hormone levels.

While some studies suggested this may be true, several more recent large studies failed to find a significant association, even though they did show an association between colon cancer and fat.

But Schatzkin and his colleagues propose that there may have been flaws in the studies that prevented them from identifying the relationship between fat and breast cancer.



The Soviet jet shortly before its ill-fated flight at the Paris Air Show Thursday at Le Bourget, France. (Reuter wirephoto)



This television picture shows the fighter jet just prior to impact as its pilot, Anatoli Kvotichur (inset) parachutes to safety at upper left. (Reuter wirephoto)

Soviet MiG-29 fighter jet crashes

No one injured in Paris Air Show accident

LE BOURGET, France, June 9. (Agencies): A Soviet MiG-29 fighter jet crashed in a ball of flames yesterday while making a low-speed pass on the opening day of the Paris Air Show, officials said. The pilot survived the crash and no spectators were injured.

Officials at the 38th international aviation and air space salon said the jet crashed from an altitude of about 500 feet at about 3:45 pm (13:45 GMT).

The pilot, Anatoli Kvotichur, ejected himself from the plane two seconds before the crash, Air Show director Claude Martin said.

The pilot was so close to the ground that his parachute barely opened as he ejected.

Martin said it opened enough to slow his fall a little.

Kvotichur was taken by ambulance to the nearby Begon Hospital in Vincennes for treatment of internal injuries, but was released from the hospital today.

The pilot was in good health upon his release, a spokesman from the Soviet delegation to the air show said.

The MiG-29 crashed during a spectacular performance, missing thousands of spectators by about 1,500 feet (500 metres). Soviet aircraft and the space shuttle Buran are highlighted at the show, which opened to the public today.

Witnesses said the plane was making a low-speed pass during a performance that

included a spectacular demonstration of its vertical climbing ability.

"Apparently it was only mechanical failure," Martin said at a news conference last evening. "He (pilot) was doing his job very nicely." He said the plane's flying altitude of 500 feet was "normal for this kind of display."

Martin said there was "a flame behind the right engine and a few seconds later the plane started to rotate and the nose went down."

Kvotichur also flew the MiG-29 Fulcrum before Western audiences in September at the Farnborough Air Show in Hampshire, England. The Soviets have been marketing the plane to nations outside the

Warsaw Pact in hope of competing with firms like General Dynamics.

Witnesses said they saw a flame coming from one of the engines and a parachute emerge from the jet just before it hit the ground nose first.

Clouds of black smoke billowed up from the grassy field about .6 miles (1 km) away from the control tower at Le Bourget Airport. Fire crews quickly extinguished the blaze.

The jet crashed only a few hours after President Francois Mitterrand inaugurated the air show. The Soviet delegation was about to hold a new conference inside the Antonov-225 transport plane.

Near-misses by commercial aircraft in UK up 33 pc

LONDON, June 9. (UPI): Near-misses by commercial aircraft in Great Britain rose by 33 per cent in May-August 1988, compared to the same period in 1987, according to statistics released by the British Civil Aviation Authority.

The Independent Joint Airmiss Working Group said there were 32 reported incidents involving 40 airplanes in the four-month period in 1988, against 24 involving 31 airplanes in 1987. The group

said six of the incidents involved some degree of risk, compared to two a year earlier.

A spokeswoman for the CAA said yesterday that although the 1988 statistics, published May 30, showed an increase over 1987 it was not possible to detect any trend towards unsafe skies.

"While there was an increase for that period in 1988, as of today there have been only 11 airmisses reported so far this

year," spokeswoman Ann Noonan said. "It really makes it rather difficult to say there is a trend."

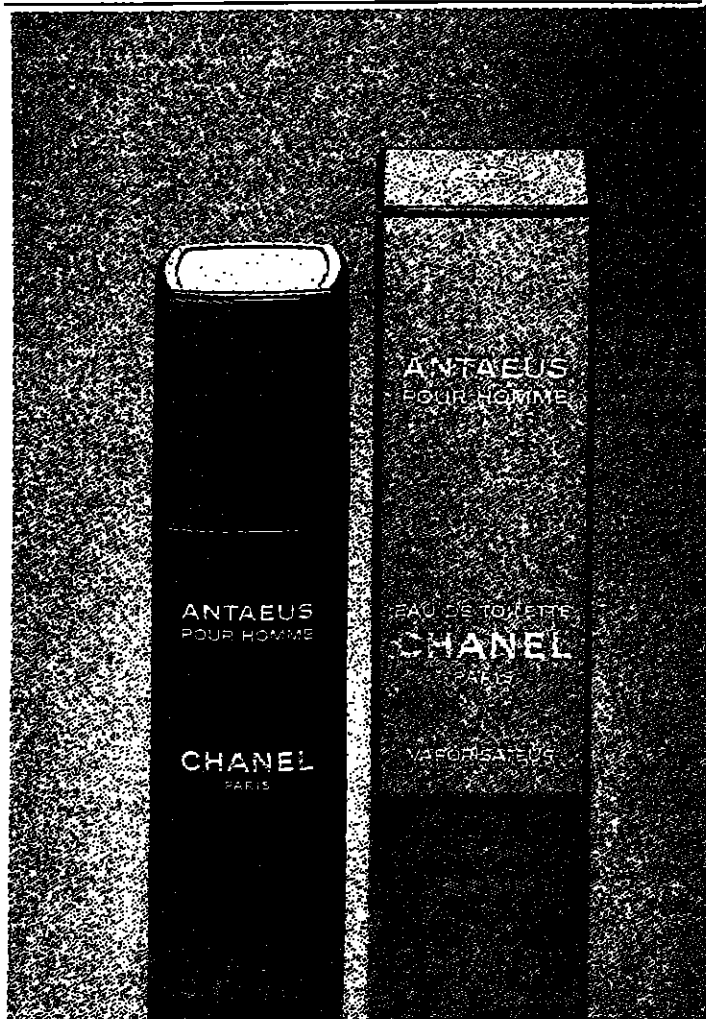
The figures for the six-month period, January-August, 1988, showed a marked increase over 1987. Total number of reported incidents increased 43 per cent, from 37 to 53, and those found to involve some degree of risk rose 100 per cent, from five to 10.

A total of 61 incidents was reported in

1987, with the Joint Airmiss Working Group determining 11 involved some degree of risk.

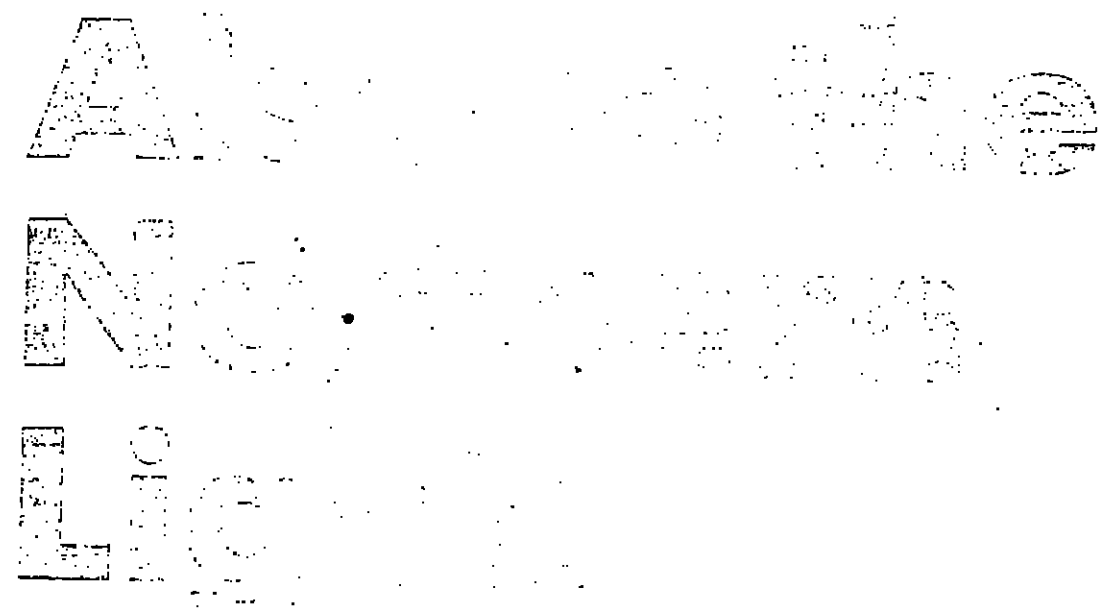
Noonan said the large majority of incidents involved no risk.

■ A 78-year-old man who aimed to sail home to Australia in a handmade catamaran ran aground on mud flats in Exeter Canal, just three miles (five kilometres) down river.



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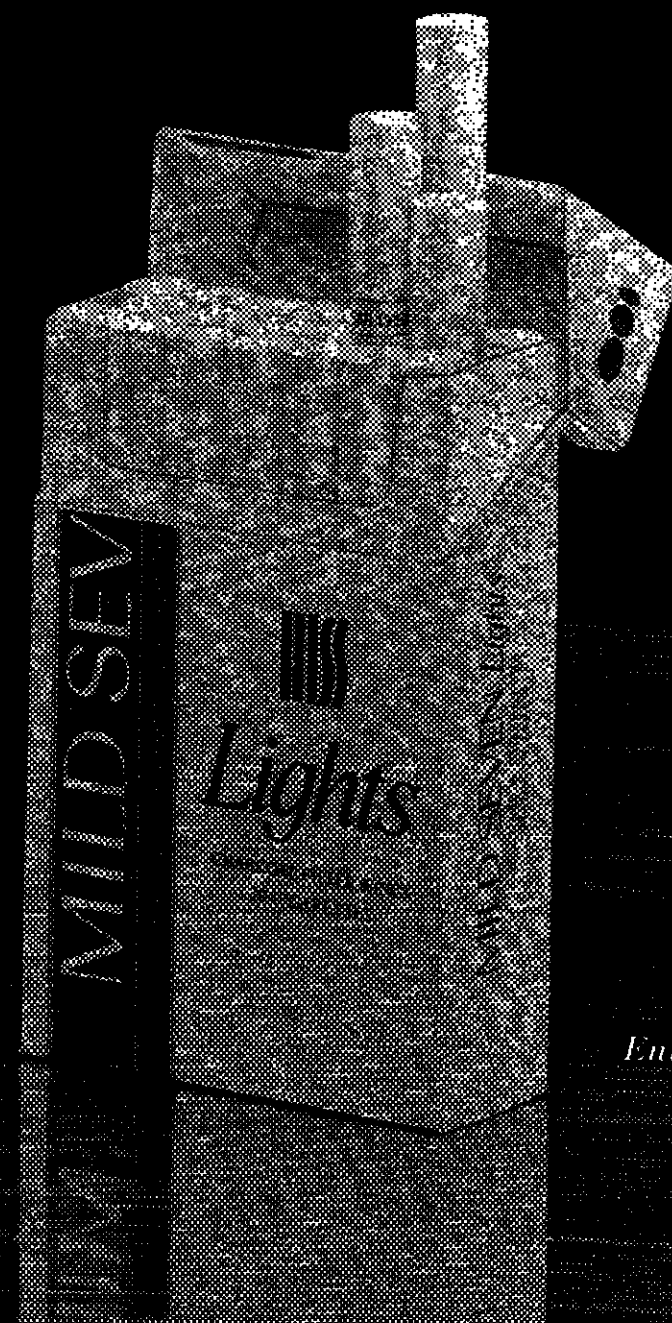


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AIDS vaccine shows promise

MONTREAL, June 9, (Agence): A vaccine developed by polio pioneer Jonas Salk may help wipe out the AIDS virus in people already infected and stop them from getting the deadly disease, according to preliminary research presented yesterday.

"It is becoming clear that a diagnosis of HIV positivity need not be regarded as a death sentence," Salk said.

Salk's approach is one of several newly reported developments that experts say raises hopes that an AIDS vaccine is possible, if still far away.

If the vaccine works as Salk hopes, it will stimulate the body to hunt down its own blood cells that carry HIV, the AIDS virus. Such cells are virus-making factories inside the body, and wiping them out could hold the virus in check, preventing it from spreading and causing AIDS.

Whether the vaccine will actually work this way is still unclear. Although it has been tested in people, the best evidence of its potential power comes from experiments on chimpanzees, the only animal besides people that can be infected with the AIDS virus.

Experts caution that much more work will be necessary in both animals and people before anyone knows whether the vaccine will save lives.

Salk himself said that his research did not constitute a breakthrough.

"We're on a path we think is worth pursuing," Salk said. "We haven't reached the end of it... we're still in the exploratory phase."

Dr Robert Gallo of the National Cancer Institute, one of the discoverers of the AIDS virus, said that Salk's vaccine could probably never be given to people who had not already been infected by the AIDS virus.

The reason, he said, is that the vaccine is made of killed — but mostly intact — AIDS virus.

"Who would take it? Who's going to guarantee that every virus particle is dead?" Gallo said. He noted that the Salk polio vaccine, also made of killed virus, did in some cases give people polio when it was processed incorrectly.

Gallo said it was unlikely the US Food and Drug Administration would ever approve such a vaccine for use in uninfected people to prevent AIDS.

"There is no Salk AIDS vaccine here," Gallo said.

However, Dr Dani P. Bolognesi of Duke University, a top US AIDS vaccine researcher, said the new work is promising, in part because it suggests that an effective vaccine can be made for treatment after AIDS infection — something many experts had doubted.

"This suggests it is possible to deal with the virus in already-infected individuals," he said.

While cautioning that this and other animal studies need to be confirmed, he added, "They are the beginnings, I believe, of piercing the armour that has existed that it would be impossible to protect against this class of virus."

The latest vaccine studies were described at the week-long 5th International Conference on AIDS.

Salk's animal studies, conducted with Dr Clarence Gibbs of the US National Institutes of Health, were performed on three chimps.

Two of them had already been infected with HIV when they received the vaccine. After three injections, all measurable signs of the virus disappeared. And when scientists gave them more virus, they did not become reinfected.

The other chimp was given virus for the first time after vaccination. While this animal got infected, the level of virus in its body has been steadily dropping instead of rising, as usually happens.

Gibbs described these results as "very startling."

In the first case of its kind, researchers said yesterday a man was infected with the AIDS virus in a bus accident after other injured passengers dripped blood on his open wounds.

At least a third of babies born to AIDS-infected mothers develop signs of the deadly disease and premature infants may be especially at risk, researchers reported yesterday.

A University of Chicago study released yesterday suggests that federal officials may be significantly underestimating the number of Americans with AIDS.

A type of herpes virus appears to boost the activity of the AIDS virus and may speed up progression of the deadly disease, US scientists reported Wednesday.

Boy jailed in jogger's rape freed

NEW YORK, June 9, (UPI): A youth accused in the rape of a Central Park jogger was released from a juvenile detention centre after a Catholic priest — the brother of reputed mob boss Vincent "The Chin" Gigante — posted his \$25,000 bail, his lawyer said yesterday.

"What aroused the clergy was the fact that a 14-year-old boy was going to languish in jail for months before trial only because he's poor," said Attorney Howard Diller, whose client Kevin Richardson was freed at 11 pm Wednesday.

Prosecutors said Richardson, who was indicted in the rape of the 28-year-old female jogger, was accused by other youths of going

"wild" on the woman, raping her and beating her senseless.

"We're very, very happy. An angel came," said Diller of the Reverend Louis Gigante, brother of the reputed boss of the Genovese organised crime family.

Diller said Gigante felt "rich people and gangsters shouldn't be the only ones who are freed on high-cash bail."

The Roman Catholic pastor of St Athanasius Church in the Bronx, who had never met the Harlem Junior High School student, contacted Diller after reading a newspaper account about his bail hearing earlier this week. Diller introduced Gigante to Richardson's father, who is a postal worker, mother,

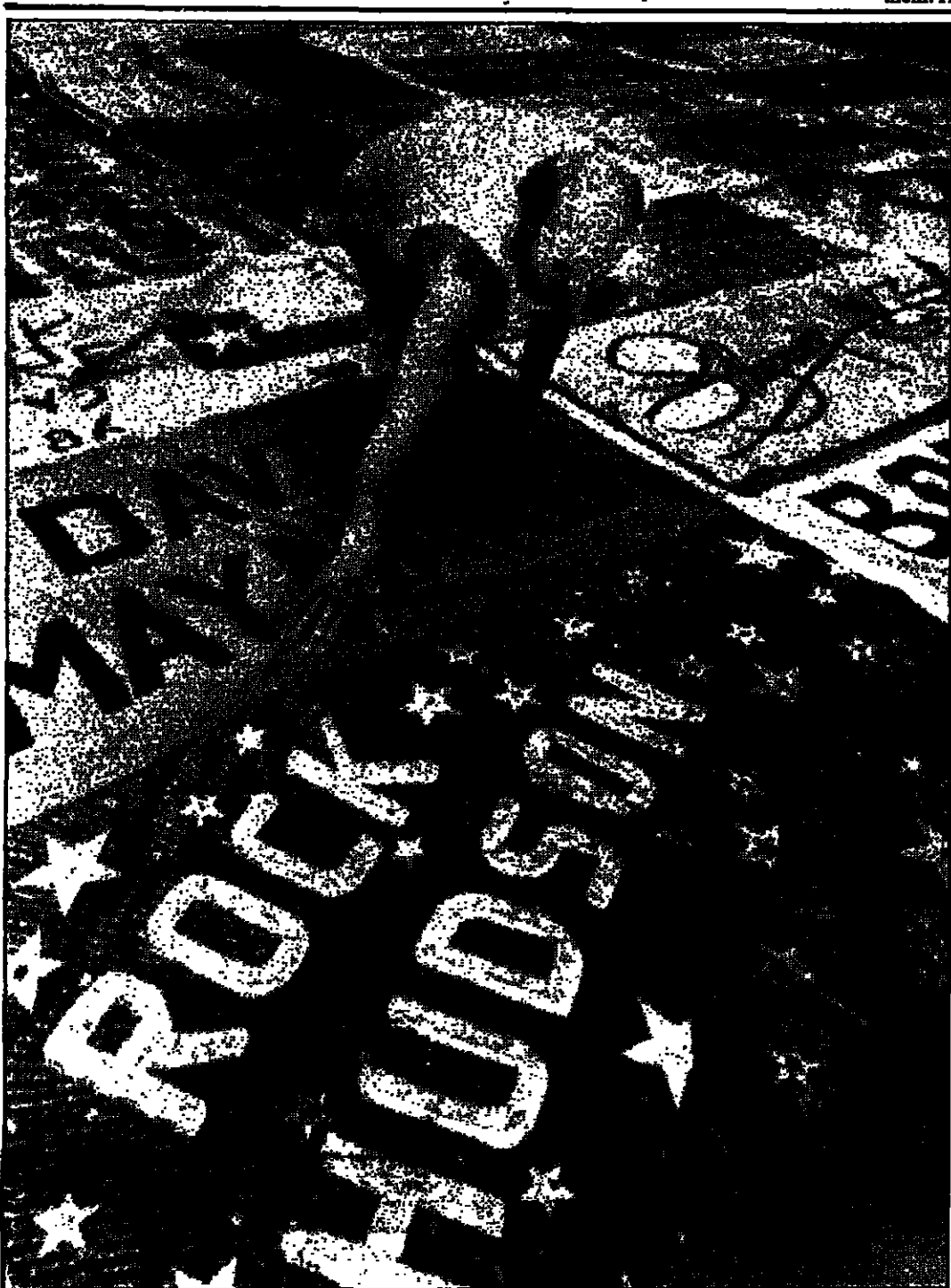
who is a stroke victim, and three sisters.

Gigante, 56, founded the South East Bronx Community Organisation, a not-for-profit housing group. He also served four years as a city councillor.

The clergy joined the family on a trip to Spofford Juvenile Centre in the Bronx, where he posted a \$25,000 bank check and secured Richardson's release, Diller said. He spoke briefly with Richardson, who is Baptist.

When Richardson returned to his home in East Harlem at 11.30 pm dozens of neighbours cheered him "like he was a freed hostage from Lebanon because they were happy for him to be out."

The shy, tall Richardson "just wave to them. He was in shock."



Memorial quilts

Organiser Terry Briner lays out the names of Rock Hudson and Liberace (right) to join almost 9,000 other memorial quilts made by friends and families of AIDS victims worldwide. The exhibit opened on Thursday as part of the Fifth International Conference on AIDS in Montreal. (Reuter wirephoto)

PORT ANGELES, Washington: Elwood Blues has been presented an honorary doctorate from Yale University, but is not able to say "thank you."

Elwood happens to be a back-country pack mule owned by the National Park Service. He received the honorary degree at a commencement ceremony Friday in Olympic National Park.

He was honoured with a "doctor of portage equus" degree by Yale for his contributions to science — specifically assistance to a Yale geology team when he carried 90 pounds (36 kg) of rock specimens. (AP)

JACKSON, Mississippi: Blues musician B.B. King came home to help raise money for a statue of slain civil-rights leader Medgar Evers and said he is bursting with pride to say he is from Mississippi.

King played at fundraising events Friday and Saturday as part of a weekend celebration of the work of Evers, a state field director for the National Association for the Advancement of Coloured People.

King has returned for 17 straight years for the annual Medgar Evers Mississippi Homecoming. Evers was slain in 1963.

At a news conference, King said he returns each year with his guitar Lucille to "come out and try to bring people together more."

King, who now lives in Las Vegas, said he's "proud, very proud" of the progress he sees in Mississippi. (AP)

BOONSBORO, Maryland: When it comes to raising a daughter, Tom and Sue King are experts. They have raised 10.

Their youngest, Kelly, 18, graduated from Boonsboro High School on Monday, wearing a dress that has taken seven of her sisters through previous graduation ceremonies.

Each daughter has graduated from Boonsboro high: Robin, 32; Terry Leigh, 30; Tomi, 29; Tammy Lee, 29; Teri Deslee, 27; Tammy, 25; Traci, 23; Jeanette, 21; and Clay Jr, 20.

Kelly King, who plans to attend Frostburg State University this fall to study music, said she did not mind coming from a long line of Kings. (AP)

NEW YORK: Americans gave \$104 billion to charity last year, almost seven per cent more than 1987 and 1.8 per cent ahead of the inflation rate, according to a report by the American Association of Fund-raising Councils.

The association, which represents fund-raising counselling firms, said Tuesday the total was up \$6.55 billion over 1987, breaking the \$100-billion mark for the first time.

Individuals provided about \$87 billion, foundations \$6 billion and businesses \$4.8 billion. Bequests — gifts willed by the deceased — amounted to \$6.8 billion. (AP)

WASHINGTON, June 9, (Reuter): The Senate Judiciary Committee yesterday approved an immigration reform bill that would make it easier for skilled, educated immigrants and those with relatives in the United States to enter the country.

The bill would also raise for three years the limit on immigration to 600,000, 110,000 more than the current level. Of this

amount, 480,000 will be reserved for family immigration.

The legislation would allow up to 54,000 persons to enter under a new category for skilled, educated workers who will apply for visas under a point system based on education, skills and age. It also tightens the rules for the 54,000 allowed to enter currently as professionals.

Most immigrants now come from Asia, the Caribbean, Mexico and Central America. Only 10 per cent are from Europe. About 90 per cent of immigration is family related and 10 per cent reflects independent immigration.

The bill has been politically sensitive and is expected to be hotly debated in the full Senate.

ATLANTIC CITY, New Jersey: Singer Shirley Bassey says politics soured the entertainment business for her.

The singer, appearing at Caesars Hotel and Casino last weekend, said she was blacklisted by the United Nations after a 1963 performance in San City, an entertainment complex in Botswana. The UN objects to the city's co-operation with the apartheid South African government.

Bassey said she was taken off the list last year when she promised not to appear there again. She did not cite lost work from the blacklisting, but said she did not like the stigma attached or being told where she could perform.

"It brought me into politics and soured the business for me," she said.

Bassey, 52, had a gold record in 1964 from the James Bond movie "Goldfinger." The single was the biggest, and last, record hit of her career. (AP)

PORTSMOUTH, Ohio: Roy Rogers, the "king of the cowboys," has been awarded another title — county commissioner.

Rogers, 76, was born Leonard Slye in Cincinnati but grew up on a horse-ranch in Portsmouth. He and his wife of 43 years, Dale Evans Rogers, were honoured at a banquet last weekend.

A resolution proclaiming Rogers an honorary Scioto county commissioner was presented to him, and a celebrity auction of motion picture items was held for the Roy Rogers Scholarship Fund.

"I've seen everything from the horse-and-buggy days to a man on the moon. I feel like I've grown up with everybody," Rogers told the estimated 500 people attending the dinner. (AP)

SEABROOK, New Hampshire, (UPI): Police arrested more than 100 people yesterday as they tried to block employees from entering the Seabrook Nuclear Plant, which is scheduled to begin its first nuclear reaction later this week.

Monday's arrests followed a weekend of demonstrations at the long-stalled plant that led to the arrest of 627 protesters Sunday. In all, about 3,000 arrests have been made during demonstrations since 1976, activists said.

The latest round of protests at the \$6 billion reactor was prompted by low-power nuclear testing at Seabrook, located near New Hampshire beaches. (UPI)

BRUSSELS: The head of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) called yesterday for a world pact to prevent a climatic crisis resulting from a steady, pollution-induced rise in the earth's temperature.

"We shall win — or lose — the climate struggle in the first years of the 1990s," UNEP Executive Director Mostafa Tolba said in a speech marking World Environment Day. (Reuter)

Finding pointers to cosmic calamity

WASHINGTON, June 9, (Agencies): Unearthed extraterrestrial chemicals provide convincing evidence that dinosaurs were wiped out by a meteorite that slammed into Earth in a cosmic calamity 65 million years ago, researchers said Wednesday.

Writing in the British journal Nature, Meixun Zhao and Jeffery Bada of the Scripps Institution of Oceanography reported they found two telltale amino acids in sedimentary rock at Stevns Klint, Denmark.

Amino acids, the constituents of proteins, have been detected in various meteorites and, "an extraterrestrial source is the most reasonable explanation for the presence of these," Zhao and Bada wrote.

"We've really, I think, offered a very compelling piece of evidence" for an ancient impact, Bada said in a recent telephone interview. He said he took no stand on whether the impact led to the mass extinction.

Rock samples dating to the end of the Cretaceous Period, 65 million years ago, were chosen from a site in Denmark because of the presence of a high level of iridium, which is common to meteorites.

Iridium is rare in Earth's crust but can be produced by volcanic activity, which some scientists believe led to the downfall of the ancient behemoths.

Discovery of the amino acids alpha-aminobutyric and isovaline, however, throws much more support to the meteorite theory, the researchers said.

"We surmise that the collision of a massive extraterrestrial object with Earth may have produced a unique organic chemical signature because certain meteorites, and probably comets, contain organic compounds that are either rare or non-existent on the Earth," Zhao and Bada wrote.

"In contrast, no organic compounds would be expected to be associated with volcanic processes," they noted.

The work follows on a hypothesis proposed in 1980, that mass extinction occurred some 65 million years ago because a mountain-sized object struck the earth, kicking up large quantities of dust and igniting huge fires. The dust and smoke blocked sunlight, and many species froze or starved when their food supply disappeared, the hypothesis suggests.

Population in US at 245,110,000

WASHINGTON, June 9, (UPI): The United States' population stood at 245,110,000 on Jan 1, 1988, and people in this country could expect to live, on average, to be 74.9 years old, the Census Bureau said.

The bureau, drawing on a number of reports published last year compiled a statistical portrait of the United States, including population trends and projections, family shapes and sizes and the nation's wealth.

The report, released yesterday, said the nation's population grew by 2,285,000 people in 1987, fuelled in large part by new immigrants, who accounted for 26 per cent of the population growth in 1987.

At the same time, the people in the United States are still having lots of babies — 3,809,000 in 1987 — and the bureau said the steady increase in the past decade is a result of the rise of the number of women of child-bearing age. However, the boomlet likely will end as women of the "baby boom" generation enter their 40s.

The outlook in the House of Representatives, which did not consider a similar Senate bill last year, is uncertain.

An immigrant "Wall of Honour" will be erected at Ellis Island, the first stop for millions of immigrants to America, Chrysler Corp chairman Lee Iacocca, who heads the project, announced yesterday.

Guinness lists new feats

The world's record

Number 600 miles long

Pi in the sky

WASHINGTON, June 9, (UPI): Two brother mathematicians claimed to have set a world's record by calculating the constant pi to 480 million digits — a number long enough to stretch for 600 miles if printed in a single line.

As most students of high school math should recall, pi is the ratio of the circumference of a circle to its diameter — or 3.14159265, etc.

David and Gregory Chudnovsky of Columbia University said Wednesday they used two American-built supercomputers — the Cray 2 and the IBM-VF — their own unique formulas and the common Fortran computer language to perform their error-free calculations.

"The 480 million-digit calculation would fill a 30-foot-high stack of computer printouts, or if printed linearly, would extend for about 600 miles (965 km)," the researchers said in a statement.

Japanese researchers, using Japanese-built supercomputers, calculated pi to 201 million digits in 1988 after bringing it to 134 million digits in 1987 and 32 million digits in 1986, the researchers said.

The Chudnovskys, who came to the United States as Soviet refugees in 1978, conducted their work on weekends over the last six months to advance mathematical theory and supercomputers, said spokeswoman Anne Burton.

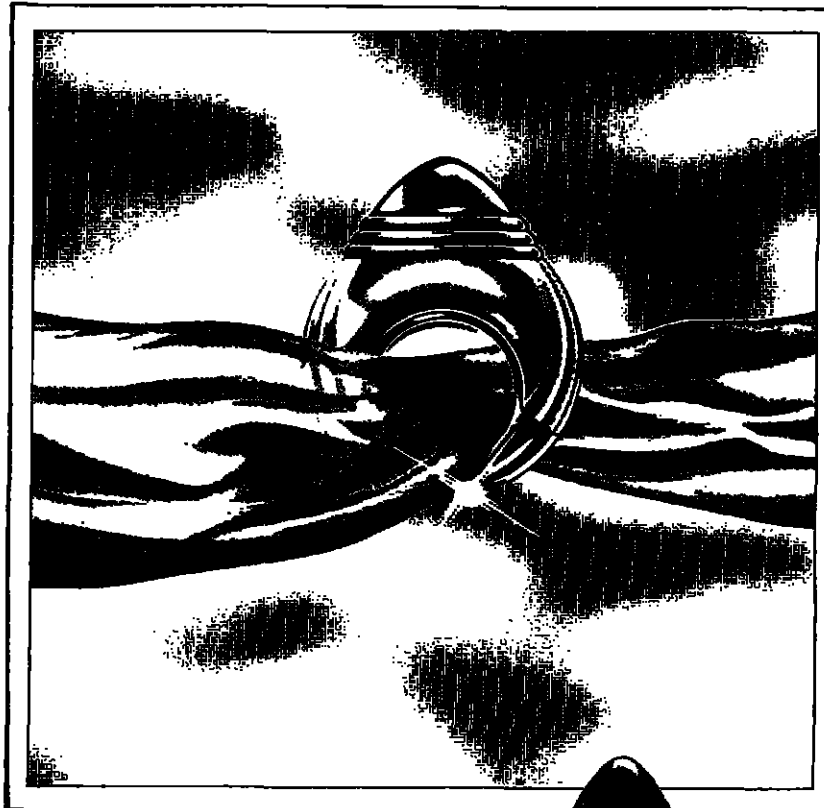
strongest hair, 11-year-old Ganninder Kaur of Leicester, England, whose single strand of hair took the strain of 255 grams (8.9 ounces).

In the United States, the six sons and four daughters of Joseph and Sophia Gresl of

Manitowoc, Wisconsin, all celebrated 50th wedding anniversaries between 1962 and 1988 — the most ever recorded in one family.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Minister assassinated
SAN SALVADOR, June 9, (AP): A cabinet minister regarded as new President Alfredo Cristiani's closest adviser was shot to death today by unidentified attackers in a machine-gun ambush, a political party leader said.

Jose Antonio Rodriguez Porth, 70, the minister of the presidency and considered the chief of staff, died shortly after arriving at the Zaldívar hospital, a nurse said on condition of not being identified. A driver and a bodyguard also were killed in the attack.

Divorced at last

ATHENS, June 9, (AP): An Athens court today granted Premier Andreas Papandreu a divorce ending his 38-year-old marriage to his American-born wife Margaret, a court spokesman said.

The spokesman said the court issued the divorce on the basis of a suit filed by Papandreu on March 30 claiming he had been separated from his wife for at least four years.

The divorce opens the way for the 70-year-old Papandreu to marry his live-in companion, former airline hostess Dimitra Liani, 35.

Airport screening

WASHINGTON, June 9, (AP): Airport screening is catching a record 93 per cent of mock weapons concealed by agents in tests of the system, according to federal authorities, but airlines still are being fined for letting some slip through.

The Federal Aviation Administration announced \$1.25 million in fines yesterday against 28 US airlines bringing total fines for security lapses over the past year and a half to \$5.2 million. A single undetected weapon can cost an airline up to \$10,000.

Poisoning

JOHANNESBURG, June 9, (UPI): A South African church leader who fell seriously ill in the United States last month evidently suffered the effects of a poison and may have been the target of an assassination attempt, church officials and medical authorities said today.

Panama weapons

WASHINGTON, June 9, (UPI): Nicaragua sent several plane loads of Soviet-bloc weapons to Panama in recent months to help Gen. Manuel Antonio Noriega prepare for a US military attack, the Washington Post reported today.

Fluttered out

EL PASO, Texas, June 9, (UPI): A home repair contractor returned a bag containing \$40,000 but more than \$100,000 worth of cash after the unlocked door of an armoured van was still missing yesterday, the FBI reported.

Richard Schwein, special agent-in-charge of the El Paso office of the FBI said it is up to Loomis Armoured Service whether to reward contractor Rudy Vega for turning in the biggest block of cash recovered from Wednesday's spill.

Tourists killed

LARNACA, Cyprus, June 9, (AP): Three British tourists killed and one injured in a car crash near this port-resort, police reported yesterday.

US tornadoes

NEW YORK, June 9, (AP): Tornadoes ripped through two small towns in Louisiana and Florida yesterday, destroying more than 30 homes and killing five people. Tornadoes, rain and high wind from thunderstorms also caused damage in parts of Mississippi and Alabama.

Paralysed boy

NEW YORK, June 9, (AP): An 11-year-old boy left paralysed from the neck down when he fell from a sculpture at a city playground was awarded more than \$3 million yesterday by a Manhattan jury.

The jury of two men and four women awarded the money to Eric Abreu, who broke his neck when he fell eight feet (2.4 metres) from the playground structure on Aug 19, 1985.

Bloody jail break

NEAPOLI, Greece, June 9, (AP): Police today captured two convicts who took part in a bloody jail break on the southern Aegean island of Crete that left two prison guards dead and one seriously injured.

A police spokesman said security forces were still combing the island for six other convicts, four Greeks, a Tanzanian and a Briton who escaped from a maximum security prison on the outskirts of this port town yesterday killing two prison guards in a shootout.

A sign of love

HARARE, June 9, (Reuters): A Zimbabwean senator who defended wifebeating as a sign of love has been told by a government minister not to do it or he will be breaking the law.

Justice Minister Emerson Munguwa, outlining in the senate yesterday a legal reform which will ban corporal punishment of adults, said a man who whipped or beat his wife could be taken to court.

Soviet pilot

ANKARA, June 9, (AP): A Soviet pilot who defected to Turkey last month in a MiG-29 jet fighter was flown to the United States today after US authorities agreed to grant him asylum, the Foreign Ministry said.

Ministry spokesman Inal Batu said that Soviet Air Force Capt Alexander Zuyev was handed over to US officials during the night and that he left Turkey aboard a US military plane at 3:30 am (0300 GMT).

Asylum granted

ANCHORAGE, Alaska, June 9, (UPI): Two Moscow student journalists who defected at the frozen US-Soviet Bering Strait border in April have been granted asylum in the United States.

Ex-minister blames Surinam crash on human error

THE HAGUE, June 9, (Reuters): The crash of an ageing DC-8 airliner in Surinam which killed an estimated 174 people was probably caused by human error and primitive landing facilities, a former Surinamese minister said today.

"So far I think the crash was caused by bad decisions and a lack of facilities on the ground," former Foreign Minister Andre Haakmat told Reuters.

Haakmat, now a lawyer in Amsterdam, is representing 12 victims of the air crash, the worst in

Surinam's history.

The Surinam Airways plane, on a flight from Amsterdam, slammed into woodlands three km (two miles) from Paramaribo's Zanderij airport on Wednesday after trying three times to land in thick fog.

The Surinamese embassy in the Hague said the exact cause of the accident was still unknown, but a US-led investigation was under way in Surinam, a former Dutch colony.

"Zanderij airport is very primitive. It was built as

an emergency airport during the war by the Americans and it hasn't changed since then," said Haakmat.

The final death toll is still unclear, but the embassy here said 174 passengers and crew had died while some of the 14 survivors were still in a critical condition.

Surinam began a week of mourning yesterday and several nations offered to help the small South American nation cope with the tragedy.

Among those reported aboard the flight from

Amsterdam, the Netherlands, were three of Surinam's top military officials and at least three top Dutch soccer players of Surinamese origin.

President Ramsewak Shankar declared a national week of mourning.

It was Surinam's worst airline accident and countries from around the world offered to help the nation of 400,000 people.

Government spokesman Glenn Truidman said calls came from the United States, Brazil, the Netherlands and France.

Uzbekis growing more aggressive

Death toll near 80

MOSCOW, June 9, (Agencies): Mobs in Soviet Uzbekistan are growing bolder, escalating their attacks on police stations despite the presence of thousands of soldiers in the Central Asian republic, the official Izvestia newspaper reported today.

The government newspaper said the death toll from the last six days of ethnic violence in the Fergana region in Uzbekistan was nearing 80, and more than 800 people have been hurt.

The region's Communist Party chief, Shavkat Yuldashev, has called for "more decisive measures" to halt the wave of arson and murder, Izvestia said, without identifying those measures.

"I think that, taking into account the serious nature of the situation, we don't have enough force yet for its stabilisation," Yuldashev told the newspaper. "Apparently, more decisive measures are needed."

At least 100 people suffered gunshot wounds today when 5,000 armed men stormed the Soviet town of Kokand in a sixth day of ethnic violence in the Uzbek region.

The attackers were armed with automatic rifles and pistols, an official said.

Alexi Yastrebov, a deputy in the Soviet Congress of People's Deputies, said in an interview yesterday that the new Parliament was asked by Communist Party officials in a closed session to approve tougher actions in Uzbekistan.

A group of deputies, including some from Uzbekistan, were scheduled to report today to the Congress on the latest developments in the troubled region before a decision was made.

The government has brought in more than 9,000 Interior Ministry soldiers, and given them the authority to open fire to protect themselves, but it held back on sending in regular Army soldiers, official news reports say.

Reporting on recent attacks on police and the Interior Ministry building in the city of Kokand, 1,500 miles (2,400 kilometres) southeast of Moscow, the newspaper said a crowd of thousands managed to seize three pistols and force police to release 12 detainees from jail.

"The actions of the uncontrolled elements are becoming more aggressive," Izvestia said. "More and more often, attacks are being made on buildings of the Interior Ministry and police. The goal is to seize weapons. The population is extremely agitated."

Rioters have burned more than 550 houses and nearly 300 vehicles, and 300 people have been detained, it said.

The killing started June 3 in a rampage between ethnic Uzbeks and the Meskhetian Turk minority, which was forcibly resettled in the Fergana valley of Uzbekistan by former Soviet ruler Josef Stalin in 1944.

Yuldashev proposed "addressing the problem of returning them to their homeland" in southern Georgia "as quickly as possible."

An Uzbek deputy who spoke in the Congress this morning did not comment directly on the violence, but he described harsh living conditions in the southern republic, where cotton is grown.

More ethnic Turks killed

VIENNA, June 9, (Reuters): Fresh clashes between Bulgaria's Muslim minority and state security forces have left a number of ethnic Turks dead, Turkish sources and Western diplomats said yesterday.

A Turkish embassy official in Vienna, quoting information from the Foreign Ministry in Ankara, said four ethnic Turks were killed last week in Shumen.

Turkey has said that between seven and 30 ethnic Turks have been killed since May 6 during protests against Bulgaria's forcible assimilation of its Turkish minorities.

The embassy official said "reliable sources" now put the death toll at 25.

A Bulgarian Foreign Ministry spokesman in Sofia told Reuters there was no information on deaths other than an official statement last month.



Lithuanians walk out

DEPUTIES from the Baltic Republic of Lithuania stage a protest walk-out from the new Soviet Parliament on Thursday. They went back after personal intervention from President Mikhail Gorbachev. The dramatic incident came after a confused vote on the creation of a new constitutional control commission which deputies from all three Baltic republics said could restrict their drive towards greater autonomy.

But the walk-out as seen on a live television broadcast seemed to be sparked as much by a misinterpreted remark by Gorbachev as on the vote itself — in which most of the Lithuanians declined to take part. It came towards the end of a day during which the Parliament, the Congress of People's Deputies, heard a dire warning from a prominent reformist economist that the country was heading for a financial crash.

(Reuters wirephoto)

I am not hungry for power: Gorbachev

Soviet President calms deputies

MOSCOW, June 9, (AP): President Mikhail Gorbachev today indignantly denied he was hungry for personal power and assured members of the new parliament that he was in no danger of being removed or assassinated.

Gorbachev, who also is general secretary of the Communist Party, was responding to challenges from several members of the Congress of People's Deputies. Some deputies have said one person should not be both president of the congress and chief of the Communist Party.

"As a communist, I categorically reject the hints (that) I am trying to concentrate power in my own hands," Gorbachev said.

"This is alien to me, to my views, my outlook, and my character," Gorbachev said. "I, as general secretary and president, have no other policy than perestroika, democratisation and glasnost."

"In this, I see the point of my life and my work."

Responding to worried comments he had heard from deputies about the inner workings of the party's ruling politburo, Gorbachev assured the deputies there was "no danger of a coup or anything like that." He appealed to the deputies to stop listening to such rumours.

"Let's end these rumours. In four years, I have already died seven times and my family was killed three times," he said.

In a rousing speech on what was planned to be the last day of the Soviet congress' inaugural session, Gorbachev said he understood the dissatisfaction

that deputies had expressed over the past two weeks.

But he said the congress marked a "new stage of perestroika," his political and economic reform programme, and would move the country further "along the road of glasnost, or greater openness, and democratisation."

The new parliament's rancorousness, unprecedented in Soviet politics where lawmakers traditionally have been just cogs in the Kremlin machinery, reached an emotional peak yesterday when about two dozen Baltic deputies stormed out.

"Comrades, comrades. I ask you to be calm because this is not all so simple," an exasperated Gorbachev said as the deputies left the Kremlin's Palace of Congresses.

The Soviet Union's foreign debt is 34 billion roubles (\$33 billion), Soviet Prime Minister Nikolai Ryzhkov said today, revealing the figure for the first time.

He said the Soviet Union would have to pay 12 billion roubles (\$18.7 billion) this year for servicing credits — and would have to use foreign loans to pay it.

The Soviet Union, in its first public disclosure of how much it spends on the space programme, revealed that more than half of its annual \$10.7 billion space budget is devoted to military use.

The revelation Wednesday shattered one of the Kremlin's most effective international propaganda claims, that the bulk of the programme is devoted to peaceful civilian use.

NATO to boost defence budget

BRUSSELS, Belgium, June 9, (AP): NATO allies agreed today to reaffirm their longstanding goal of boosting annual defence budgets of member nations by 3 per cent after inflation.

Ending two days of talks, the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation defence ministers acknowledged in a statement that many allies, including the United States, fail to achieve that growth rate because of austerity pressures.

But they said the 3-per cent growth goal must remain to secure a strong defence posture while East-West talks continue in Vienna on reducing non-nuclear forces.

"To sustain a credible deterrent, there remains, at least for the time being, a continuing need to increase (defence spending) to redress existing deficiencies in conventional defence," the statement said.

The ministers also discussed US President George Bush's proposal to remove 30,000 US troops and 750 combat aircraft from Europe, as long as the Warsaw Pact nations remove 325,000 Soviet soldiers and 3,000 such planes.

"We are confident that we can make those adjustments," US defence secretary Dick Cheney told reporters of the proposed 15 per cent cut in combat aircraft.

He said the cuts can be made in the 16-nation NATO alliance's Air Forces without scrapping British and French nuclear-capable aircraft.

Cheney said he told the allies the 72 F-46 jet fighters of the US Air Force's 48th Tactical Air Wing, that are to be moved from Torrejon air base near Madrid to southern Italy, also would not be cut.

The planes were to go to Italy after Spain ended a basing accord with the United States.

Officials said the proposed cut in aircraft would leave NATO and the seven-nation Warsaw Pact each with about 4,600 combat aircraft in Europe.

Bush had pushed for an agreement on his proposed cuts and already proposed reductions in tanks, armoured personnel carriers and artillery pieces within six to 12 months.

Negotiators for East and West began a new round of arms talks in Vienna earlier this year.

"There is no question that the timetable is very optimistic," Cheney said. But, he added, it can be made "if we make the effort."

Meanwhile it was announced that Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev will not be rushed into offering any new arms initiatives during his visit to West Germany next week.

Soviet Prime Minister Nikolai Ryzhkov has hinted Moscow is developing its long-promised, low-cost rival to the US "Star Wars" programme for strategic defence in space.

Nearly four billion roubles or almost one per cent of government spending in 1989 was earmarked for a "military space programme," he said in a speech on Wednesday to the country's new parliament, the Congress of People's Deputies.

The Soviet Foreign Ministry spokesman today sharply criticised a US demand that President Mikhail Gorbachev respond to a NATO initiative and that he announce cuts in short-range nuclear missiles during his visit to West Germany next week.

But he indicated there was a likelihood that Gorbachev may respond to the proposals prepared from a sweeping disarmament plan presented by Bush which NATO adopted May 30.



US soldiers in Vietnam

TOKYO, June 9: A Japanese monk released recently after 13 years in a Vietnamese prison said there were American soldiers held with him, Kyodo News Service reported yesterday.

Iwanobu Yoshida, 65, who had been held at the prison for political reasons, told the news agency there were five or six American soldiers alive when he was released from the Hanoi camp in January.

Kyodo quoted Yoshida as saying: "There were about 10 Americans when I was first captured... I heard all of them were beaten and tortured as I was."

He said he could not communicate with the Americans because he could not speak English, but he heard the Vietnamese guards referring to them as "Americans."

The Vietnamese government has repeatedly told Washington there are no American prisoners in Vietnam.

A spokesman at the Vietnamese embassy in Tokyo denied Yoshida's claim: "Yoshida's story is totally wrong and we do not have any American prisoners in Vietnam."

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Philippine soldiers hunt for skeletons

PIAPI, The Philippines, June 9, (Reuters): Philippine soldiers have launched a grisly skeleton hunt after reports of a bloody purge by communist rebels of suspected spies in their ranks.

Using former rebels as guides, soldiers last week dug up 11 sets of human bones from unmarked graves in this hillside village 90 kms (55 miles) southwest of Manila, bringing to 26 the number of remains retrieved in a month of macabre search.

The military said the bones were those of 100 men and women executed by the New People's Army regional command in Quezon and Laguna provinces last year on suspicion they were government "deep penetration agents."

Fighting a 20-year insurgency war, rebels operate in more than 60 of the country's 73 provinces, with Laguna and Quezon considered as among their major rural bases because of their proximity to the capital.

Three former rebels interviewed at the Piapi burial sites confirmed the purge, saying some people were tortured before they were killed.

It was the second reported major purge carried out by the NPA in the past two years. Up to 150 suspected deep agents — also called "zombies" — were believed killed in a similar rebel "cleansing operation" on Mindanao island in the south in 1986.

Accused of human-rights violations, including summary killings of dissidents, the military has seized on reports of the purges to portray the NPA as a terrorist band vulnerable to the same charges.

Severino Ranoda, an NPA security officer in Quezon, told reporters he deserted the rebel army last December for fear of being killed after he became suspected to being a spy.

"I saw one high-ranking comrade being killed. His killers were also executed later after it turned out they got the wrong man," Ranoda said.

Eduardo Borromeo and Apolinario Fabricio said they were also targeted for execution but party leaders, worried the purges were getting out of hand, called off their deaths.

"I was hog-tied for four days. They would have killed me," said Borromeo, who joined the guerrillas in 1984.

Military documents seized from captured rebels said the rebels launched the purge last year after Communist Party chief Rodolfo Salas and other rebel leaders were arrested in military raids, sparking suspicions the party had been infiltrated.

Salas' arrest was rumoured to have provoked quarrels among members of the party's powerful executive committee.

The military has admitted planting spies in its rival army but denies operating a large deep-agent network.

Meanwhile, suspected bandits killed five people, including an eight-year-old boy, and kidnapped a teen-age girl while trying to escape from government troops in the southern Philippines, the military reported today.

US district court acquits Psinakis

SAN FRANCISCO, June 9, (UPI): A jury Wednesday acquitted Steve Psinakis, a prominent former Philippine exile, of conspiring to smuggle explosives into the Philippines to be used for attacks against the government of Ferdinand Marcos.

The verdict was announced after five hours of deliberations over a day and a half in the two-week trial.

"This is not just a vindication of me but of all those like me who fought for freedom and democracy," Psinakis said outside the courtroom.

He called his indictment the result of "misguided elements of the Reagan and Bush administrations trying to discredit and destroy innocent people opposed to the ruthless Marcos dictatorship."

Psinakis, 57, a Greek-born American citizen who lived in San Francisco as a Philippine exile in 1981, was charged with two counts of conspiring to transport explosive detonating cord from St Louis to San Francisco without a licence.

Spectators in the crowded courtroom gasped and many wept as the verdict was read, despite a warning by US district judge Robert Schnacke against any outbursts in support or opposition to the verdict.

Psinakis appeared stunned and clasped his lawyer's arm. He maintained throughout the trial that he was being framed by forces supporting Marcos.

The government contended the explosives were to be used to oust Marcos.

S. Africa extends state of emergency

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa, June 9, (AP): President P.W. Botha today extended the national state of emergency for a fourth year in a bid to further quell black unrest and maintain a clampdown on opposition political groups.

Despite a sharp decline in political violence during the past year, Botha said black revolutionaries still were plotting to undermine his government.

"By applying the emergency measures the government succeeded in stopping the widespread violence by radicals," Botha said in a statement made public at midnight.

But he said revolutionaries are "continuing underground to mobilize and to exert their influence" and "unrest-related violence is still unacceptably high."

F.W. de Klerk, the leader of

the National Party and Botha's designated successor, said he supported a renewal of the emergency. The National Party is virtually certain to win national elections in September and Botha has indicated he would step down at that time.

Meanwhile, anti-apartheid groups said Botha's decision would further polarize the deeply divided country.

"The apartheid policy is so acutely unacceptable to the majority of the people of South Africa that apartheid government can be maintained only by force," said Zach de Beer, the white leader of the Anti-Apartheid Democratic Party.

"The reimposition of the emergency will be a recipe for conflict," said the mostly black Congress of South African Trade Unions, the country's largest labour federation.

Witness has alibi for Palme murder suspect

STOCKHOLM, June 9, (Reuters): A surprise witness said today he could provide a watertight alibi for the man on trial for the 1986 assassination of Swedish Prime Minister Olof Palme.

The new witness contacted a local newspaper and told how he saw the defendant, Christer Pettersson, on the night of the murder at a suburban train station 35 km (20 miles) from central Stockholm at about the time Palme was shot.

The witness was later interviewed by

Swedish Radio.

"I'm quite sure it was him (Pettersson) because I lived in the same area for years and had seen him hundreds of times," the man said.

"I have seen him frequently since 1972 and I would recognize him a 100 metres away," the new witness told Swedish Radio.

Asked why it took him so long to step forward, the man said: "It wasn't until last week when I read about the case and realised it was him, I remembered I had seen him on the platform."

In speech and newspapers, Swedish only refer to the man on trial as "the 42-year-old," since Swedish practice prevents the public use of a defendant's name before and during a trial.

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US told to facilitate ouster of Najibullah

Pakistan makes no-nuke pledge

WASHINGTON, June 9, (AP): Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto has concluded her first official talks in Washington with a public pledge that Pakistan will not make nuclear weapons and will not provoke an atomic arms race with its neighbours.

In an address to the US Congress on Wednesday, Benazir also urged the United States to continue military and economic aid to Pakistan and to keep reasserting efforts by the Soviet Union to exercise influence over Afghanistan.

In its editions, yesterday, the New York Times quoted unidentified Pakistani officials as saying Benazir had urged the US to try to persuade the Soviet Union to accept the departure of Afghan President Najibullah from office.

Afghan rebels, who have been fighting for 10 years to topple Afghanistan's communist government, have refused to negotiate with Najibullah. Benazir reportedly suggested the move to oust Najibullah as a step that could lead to negotiations on ending the civil war.

Her appearance before a joint session of Congress came after National Security Adviser Brent Scowcroft told reporters the United States will sell Pakistan 60 additional F-16 jet fighters, for a total force of 100 of the sophisticated warplanes.

During her speech to the Congress, Benazir drew her longest applause when she said Pakistan does not intend to become a nuclear-weapon power and will work with the United States to "prevent the catastrophe of a nuclear arms race in South Asia."

Top US experts often describe Pakistan as on the verge of acquiring nuclear weapons even though US law would cut off all economic and military aid if it took that step.

"Speaking for Pakistan, I can declare that we do not possess nor do we intend to make a nuclear device. That is our policy," Benazir said.

"We are committed to a regional approach to the nuclear problem and we remain ready to accept any safeguards, inspection and verification that are applied on a non-discriminatory regional basis," she said.

She said Pakistan has long advocated creating a nuclear-weapon-free zone in Southern Asia and added: "A first step in that direction could be a nuclear test ban agreement between Pakistan and its neighbours... We are prepared for any negotiation to prevent the proliferation of nuclear weapons in our region."

"We will not provoke a nuclear arms race in the subcontinent," she said.

The prime minister named no neighbours. The pledge represented a new challenge to Pakistan's regional rival, India, which detonated a nuclear explosion some 15 years ago and opposes regional test bans and nuclear weapons-free zones unless they include China, which already has atomic weapons.

The Bush administration and congressional leaders welcomed the public pledge but some said Pakistan would be judged more by deeds than words next November, when Bush is required to make the next annual certification that Pakistan does not possess atomic arms. Pakistan ranks after Israel and Egypt as the third largest US aid recipient.

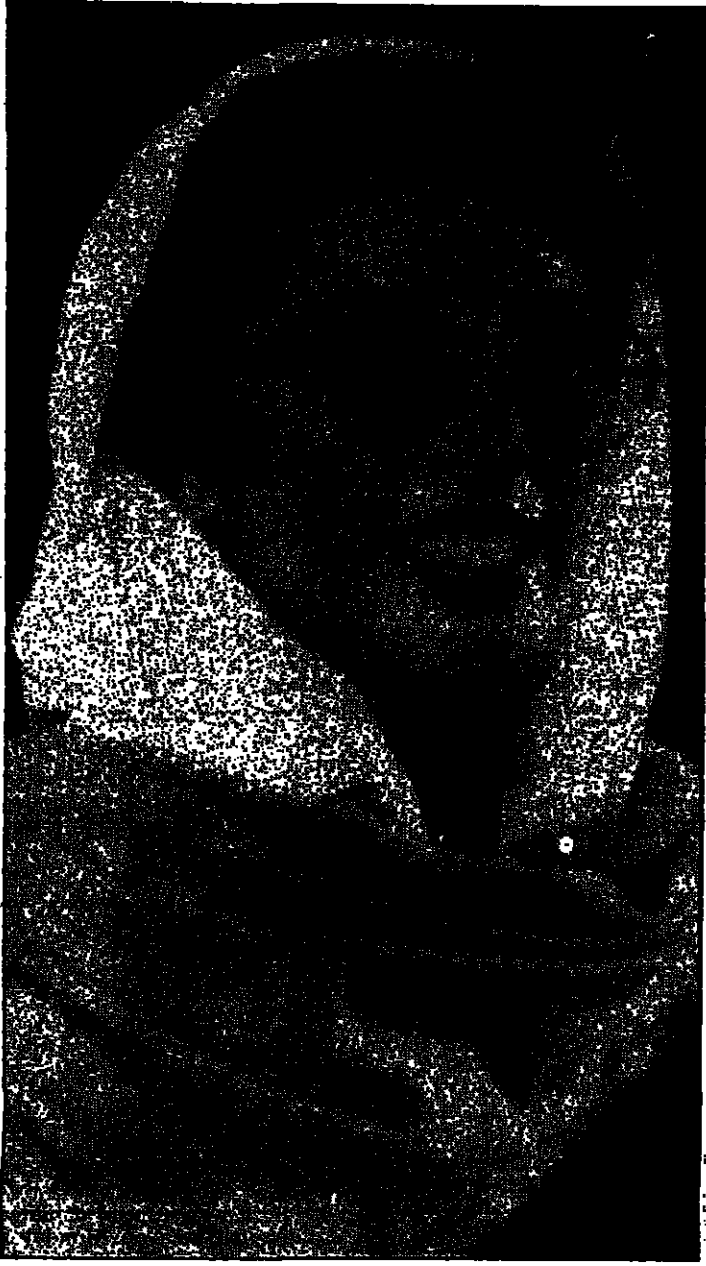
Jamshed Marker, Pakistan's ambassador to Washington, told reporters after the talks he was "reasonably confident" Pakistan would meet the non-proliferation tests required by US law. He said the US side made "no demand for international inspection of Pakistan nuclear facilities."

Benazir's US visit represented celebration by the two countries of democratic revival in Pakistan and a personal triumph for the US- and British-educated leader. She came to power in the country's first free election in more than a decade. Her father, the late Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, was ousted in 1977 by Gen. Mohammed Zia-ul-Haq, Pakistan's military ruler until his death last year in a mysterious plane crash. Her father was handed in 1979 after being convicted of ordering a political murder.

In their White House talks, Benazir repeated again and again American support for the democratic process in Pakistan, "faster said."

Benazir in turn stressed the importance of US economic aid, declaring it was needed to fulfil her party's promise to improve the welfare of the masses, the ambassador said.

In her speech, Benazir said Pakistan and the United States have travelled a long road with Afghanistan in its quest for self-determination. Let us not out of patience or fatigue... abandon a course," she said, repeating a call for a political solution.



Benazir delivers the 1989 commencement address at Harvard University.

Benazir: yes, you can

WASHINGTON, June 9, (AP): Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto of Pakistan, described as a leader of many firsts, addressed her own uniqueness in a speech to the US Congress on Wednesday.

During her first official visit to Washington, the 35-year-old Benazir has been called the youngest prime minister in the world and the only woman leader of a Muslim country in modern times.

"As a representative of the young, let me be viewed as one of a new generation of leaders, unshackled by the constraint and irrational hatreds of the past," said the US- and British-educated prime minister.

"As a representative of women, let my message be, 'yes, you can,'" she continued, drawing applause.

"And as a believer of Islam, in this august chamber, let my message be about a compassionate and tolerant religion, teaching hard work and family values under a merciful God," Benazir said.

"That is the Islam I know and that is the Islam we must all come to understand," she said, seeking to project moderation as opposed to the image of militance applied by some Americans to Muslim groups accused of terrorism and of holding US hostages.

Appeal to promote democratic values

CAMBRIDGE, Massachusetts, June 9, (AP): Pakistan Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto yesterday urged nations with strong democratic traditions to help reinforce fledgling democracies like her own by forming an association of democratic nations.

"Democracy needs support and the best support for democracy comes from other democracies," Benazir said. "Democratic nations should... come together in an association designed to help each other and promote what is a universal value — democracy."

Benazir delivered the keynote address at 338th commencement exercises at Harvard University, her alma mater. The 35-year-old prime minister, the first woman in modern times to lead a Muslim country, is a 1973 graduate of Harvard's Radcliffe College.

In her speech, Benazir said the association she proposed could reinforce freedom in countries struggling to maintain

Lanka militants fool police, loot arms

COLOMBO, June 9, (Agencies): Sinhalese JVP militants posing as soldiers today walked into a police station in southern Sri Lanka and jailed about 40 officers before looting the entire armoury of automatic weapons, revolvers and ammunition, officials said.

Police officials also reported the Janatha Vimukthi Peramuna (JVP) staged a landmine attack which left two officers critically wounded near Matara, 100 miles (160 km) south of Colombo.

They said radicals detonated the device as the officers drove on patrol in a jeep at about 8 am and that the injured pair had been hospitalised.

A Defence Ministry official said about 30 gun-toting guerrillas clad in army fatigues had earlier arrived at Tissamaharama police station and requested entry to the heavily guarded facility 200 miles (320 km) south of Colombo.

He said to enhance their play of being soldiers, the rebels had in their custody four youths, who they beat continuously as they claimed the four had been caught slapping up anti-government posters and needed to be placed in jail.

The official reported the attackers after entering the compound turned their guns on the police, forcing some 40 officers present into cells, before loading the entire contents of the armoury into a brand new police jeep and escaping.

"Before they left, they lectured the policemen on why one should not serve the government," the official said.

He said the haul included 60 weapons — light machineguns, assault rifles and revolvers — as well as more than 2,000 rounds of ammunition and communications equipment.

Meanwhile, Sri Lanka's foreign minister said yesterday that India has failed to fully implement a peace accord that brought its peacekeeping troops to this strife-torn nation.

"The accord clearly states India will ensure arms held by Tamil terrorists will be surrendered. That never happened after Indian soldiers came here," Foreign Minister Ranjan Wijeratne told reporters.

Indian troops arrived in Sri Lanka nearly two years ago to disarm Tamil guerrillas fighting for an independent nation in the northeast part of the island.

But the largest militant group, the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam, refused to surrender arms under the terms of the accord and launched a bloody jungle war against the peacekeeping troops. More than 700 Indian soldiers have died.

Thousands of students from four universities went on strike to protest against the killing of a student on Wednesday during an attack on a police station.



Homeless Indians crowd together on the platform of a Delhi railway station to catch a few hours sleep. Government officials warn that India's 807 million population will overtake China's in the next four decades, forcing many more into poverty and raising social tensions. (Reuter wirephoto)

One extra mouth every two seconds India challenges China

NEW DELHI, June 9, (Reuter): Every year 800 million condoms are distributed in India and up to five million men and women are sterilised. But there are another 17 million mouths to feed.

On extra mouth every two seconds means India could challenge China for the title of most populous nation on earth in the next few decades.

United Nations projections give China a population of 1.49 billion by 2025 and India 1.45 billion. The Indian government's planning commission predicts that on present growth rates, India's 807 million people will hit one billion by the turn of the century and rise to 1.6 billion by 2035.

The southern state of Kerala, where literacy and women's status is high, has the lowest growth rate in the country at 1.53 per cent, while northern Haryana the highest at 2.56.

Already India is twice as densely populated as China, putting intolerable pressure on the environment, cities and basic services like water and electricity.

"For a poor and developing country like ours, the rapid growth of population neutralises the developmental efforts and thwarts all efforts to bring about substantial improvement in the quality of life," Planning Minister Mahavir Singh Solanki told a parliamentary committee last month.

Improved health services and eradication of famines and major epidemics has pushed the mortality rate down. The average Indian now lives to the age of 58 compared with 32 when India became independent from Britain in 1947.

In its report, the planning commission spelled out the dangers of unchecked population growth. It warned:

- Food production could fail to keep pace with the number of people.
- Numbers living in poverty will increase, illiteracy will grow and health deteriorate.
- Pressure on land and unemployment will worsen social tensions and create violence.
- Environmental damage will increase, forests will be destroyed, causing more frequent floods and droughts.

Record Talks...

NEW DELHI, June 9, (Reuter): A 57-year-old Indian talked out of his place in the Guinness Book of World Records last year is trying to talk his way back.

The Press Trust of India said S.E. Jayaraman began a lecture yesterday in the south Indian city of Madras. He hopes to finish in 15 days or so and reclaim the non-stop talking record.

Jayaraman found a place in the 1987 Guinness Book of World Records after discouraging for 200 hours. He was out spoken by compatriot N.S. Viswanathan with a 240-hour monologue the following year.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Amnesty International

NEW DELHI, June 9, (UPI): Australian Foreign Minister Gareth Evans today endorsed the credentials of Amnesty International in an oblique criticism of New Delhi's recent refusal to allow the human rights group to study alleged abuses in India.

Evans, who also holds Australia's trade portfolio, told a press conference during the second day of his four-day visit that Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi had supported Canberra's call for a ban on all mineral and oil exploration in Antarctica.

Landslide

JAMMU, India, June 9, (AP): A landslide sent a bus plunging hundreds of feet (metres) into a ravine in the northern state of Jammu-Kashmir and at least 50 passengers were killed Wednesday, officials and news reports said.

The United News of India news agency quoted an unnamed government spokesman as saying 50 people were killed in the accident, about 50 kms (30 miles) northwest of Srinagar, the summer capital of the state.

Divisional commissioner M.S. Pandit said the bodies of 10 passengers were recovered from the site and at least 20 others were taken to hospital with injuries.

He said as many as 80 passengers may have been aboard the bus. The Army was helping in rescue operations.

Pandit, the top civilian administrator for the Srinagar region, said the bus was travelling from the western town of Uri to Srinagar on a remote hill road at the time.

Pandit was contacted by telephone from Jammu, 300 kms (185 miles) south of Srinagar.

Gunbattle

KARACHI, Pakistan, June 9, (Reuter): Two people were killed in a four-hour gunbattle between police and protesters before troops were called in to enforce a curfew in Sujawal, southeast of Karachi, police said.

The fight on Wednesday broke out during a protest against lawlessness in the south-western Pakistan town. One of the dead was a policeman.

A government doctor said at least 27 people, including 11 policemen, were wounded.

Compromise led to F-16 sale to Pakistan

WASHINGTON, June 9, (UPI): The proposed sale of 60 F-16 jet fighters to Pakistan was a compromise crafted by a Bush administration to avoid fueling an arms race in India or picking a fight with Congress.

In the \$1.6 billion deal, to be announced this week, Pakistan will receive the early versions of the F-16s, and the later F-16C and F-16D models with an improved radar, which would permit them to be used with great precision against ground targets.

An Indian diplomat, who had been informed of the proposed sale by the State Department, said: "We have no problems with the sale of 'A' and 'B' models. We would have had great problems if they had been 'C' and 'D' models."

The F-16B is a two-seat version of the F-16A. The F-16D is a two-seat version of the F-16C.

Members of Congress had expressed concern that the later version of the F-16s, if sold to Pakistan, could be used to deliver nuclear weapons or to attack Indian nuclear installations. Israel used F-16s in 1981 to destroy an Iraqi nuclear installation near Baghdad.

An industry source said the principal difference between the earlier versions of the F-16, of which Pakistan already has 49, and the upgraded "C" and "D" models is in the avionics, specifically in the Westinghouse APG-68 radar. The later F-16 version is also somewhat heavier and has a somewhat larger engine.

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No plan to grant permanent residences yet

Selective immigration memorandum prepared

THE Minister of Planning Dr Abdul Rahman Al Awadi has denied that relevant authorities intend to grant permanent residence to selective residents. He added that the Council of Ministers has set up a committee to study and organise manpower and to co-ordinate between

available graduates and the need for imported manpower. The committee will discuss the reduction of the unskilled manpower which is considered expensive and non-productive. It will also concentrate on the building of the Kuwaiti human being.

Awadi said that Higher Plan-

ning Council has prepared a memorandum on selective immigration to Kuwait which will cope with this trend. He added that the committee will study trends on the future of expatriate manpower and guaranteeing employment for Kuwaitis.

The committee will put forward a strategy to treat the problem of the non-productive and non-important manpower, Awadi said. He added that the granting of permanent residences has no relation with the selective immigration process that will be applied when the commit-

tee completes its work.

Permanent residences will be discussed during the meetings of the Five-Year-Plan. It is one of the points that will be discussed and might be accepted or rejected, he said.

Awadi was denying local reports which stated that the

state will select candidates for permanent residence according to the interests of the country. Reports had also stated that the Higher Planning Council have already completed a project on the numbers and conditions applicable for granting of permanent residences.

Expert lauds new drug law

Strict penalties to curb crime

A KUWAIT University professor praised the new drug law issued in 1983 to face the drug problem, describing it as efficient.

Dr Ahmad Al Sammak in his research study presented to a recently held symposium on ways to combat drugs in Kuwait, stressed that the new drug law is very clear in its principles and terminology and also in dealing with all types of crimes and acts relating to drug smuggling, possession and trading.

The new law defines almost all acts relating to drugs by using perfect terminology like import, export, production, manufacturing, buying, selling, possessing, transportation, taking, treatment for addicts and several other related issues.

Concept
Sammak said that the new law, passed in 1983, was more decisive in dealing with the crimes of trading in narcotics. It considers the agreement between the two sides to buy and sell as a crime, without the need to actually commit the act of selling or buying, or even possessing the drugs. Similarly, cultivating narcotics is a crime. It is also a crime for any person to take care of a narcotic plant, by either preparing the seeds or the seedling, planting it or even watering it. Thus, he said, the new law has been more precise in dealing with drugs and drug related crimes.

He added that the new law has adopted a broader concept for narcotics and defined it in a broader sense, thus taking all the necessary precautions to protect society from its dangers. This will make it impossible for drug smugglers or users to elude the new law and escape punishment.

The new law has also banned dealing with plants that yield drugs and forbids people from using it at any stage of growth or under any scientific or trade names. Besides, the new law has listed names of all banned drug materials and substances and authorised the minister of health to cancel or add new substances.

Penalties
Sammak said that penalties in the new law have also been increased, in a bid to curb drug criminals. He said that the new law gives 10 years imprisonment and a fine of KD10,000 for drug dealers and 15 years imprisonment and KD15,000 fine for manufacturers and five years imprisonment and KD5,000 fine for users. Furthermore, the law poses stricter penalties for those who repeat the crime.

He said that as some drugs are required for medication there is a need to circulate drug substances among several people, particularly doctors, importers and pharmacists. This could be an easy way to leak drugs to others. But the legislators in Kuwait efficiently closed this door by including in the drug law several measures and steps. He said that the law has assigned the Ministry of Health as the only authority to grant the licence for dealing in pharmaceuticals. It has further specified those that can seek permits to deal in chemical substances are scientific and pharmaceutical establishments only.

Records
Moreover, drug materials cannot be cleared from the customs without special permission from the health minister and the permit is issued only for a defined period of time. Establishments allowed by the law to deal in

pharmaceuticals must keep a record, where all incoming and outgoing drugs must be precisely recorded. In addition, Health Ministry inspectors can check such records at any time, the law states.

Sammak added that strict measures have been imposed by the new law on pharmacists concerning the use of drugs. They cannot sell it to patients without a medical prescription from a licensed doctor in Kuwait. At the same time, doctors are not free to write prescriptions containing scheduled drugs. They must be confined to a set of well defined regulations.

Sammak said that patients who are given drugs for treatment, must get the prescription from a licensed doctor only. After the sale of the drugs, patient's name and address must be recorded, who is required by the new law to return any unused medicine. Moreover, the patient cannot under any circumstances give any of the medicines to another person, even if that person is suffering from the same symptoms.

Sammak said that the new Kuwaiti drug law now punishes persons who are found with drug addicts or caught in a place prepared for drug taking and does not exempt such persons from penal action even if they have not taken drugs.

In another new step, the law tried to encourage drug dealers and addicts by creating incentives. It does not punish drug criminals who inform about their colleagues before the authorities know them. In addition to that, the law also encourages addicts by providing them the facility of treatment.



Farewell reception

INDIAN Ambassador N.N. Jha on Wednesday hosted a reception to say goodbye to his friends and colleagues in Kuwait. The reception, held at the Indian Embassy premises, was attended by ambassadors, Indian businessmen and senior Kuwaiti officials. Picture shows Mrs Jha and the ambassador receiving guests.

Education authority to hold Gulf seminar

THE technological studies faculty at the Public Authority for Applied Education and Training is preparing to organise a Gulf Scientific Seminar in the middle of next year. The seminar is the first of its kind in the area.

The assistant dean of the faculty Dr Hamed Hamada has said that the seminar will offer good chances for researchers to exchange experiences and views in the field of modern technology. The seminar will focus on the faculty's activities and achievements besides encouraging the teachers of the faculty to be more active in the scientific research field. The seminar will be an occasion to explain the role of the faculty in the scientific field for researchers and specialists from different countries who will attend the seminar.

Hamada added that representatives of UNESCO may take part in the seminar. The faculty has a plan to organise several

scientific seminars in the near future. The faculty is looking forward to study needs of the local market for modern technology by studying problems relating to maintenance of buildings and cars.

Hamada pointed out that the Gulf scientific seminar will be organised by a special committee set up by the faculty.

A member of the committee Dr Hussein Al Ahmad has said that the seminar will be held in May 1990. The seminar aims at gathering researchers from countries of the area to exchange different views about technology specially that relating to local problems. The seminar will be also attended by a number of professors from American and European universities. A number of scientific studies made by faculties of applied technologies, universities and industrial companies in the GCC states will be discussed, Ahmad said.

Teacher falls off balcony

A TEACHER at Hind Intermediate School for girls in Salmiya died when she fell down from the balcony of her third floor room in the school's hostel. The body of the teacher who was identified as Radhya from Gaza Strip of Palestine was found inside the hostel's yard last Tuesday. The victim was working as supervisor of the hostel and also teacher of art. She was supposed to leave Kuwait on vacation the next day.

Investigations have showed that there is no criminal action because there were no signs of violence on the body. The victim was hanging out clothes at the balcony at the time of the mishap. Investigators expect that the woman fell down when she lost her balance. Her colleagues told investigators that the deceased was not suffering from private problems or disputes with others. The prosecution has asked the Education Ministry not to allow any of her fellows at the hostel to leave the country before investigations are completed. The education minister also asked for a full report on the accident.

Education recruiting suspended

DIRECTOR of Employment at Kuwait's Ministry of Education Raja Al Mutairi had denied the ministry's intention to sack any of the administrative expatriates at the ministry.

In an interview with a local magazine, the official said that the ministry has suspended the new recruitment of secretaries, store keepers and other administrative employees at girls schools, in order to minimise costs.

He denied that favouritism played a part in the promotion process at the ministry adding that any rumour on this issue was baseless.

Mutairi clarified that the promotion process was governed by specific condition and criterion which had been designed for application on all staff.

Meanwhile, the official has called on Kuwaiti graduates who have not had the chance to join the ministry as teachers to apply for the posts of assistant librarians.

A three month training course in library science is scheduled for Kuwaiti graduates, the official said.

Kuwaitis need visas to Cyprus

KUWAITI visitors desiring to visit Cyprus should obtain an entry visa prior to entry according to new regulations to be effective beginning July.

Official sources at Cyprus Consulate explained that this new measure is reciprocally applicable to citizens of all countries which require citizens of Cyprus to obtain entry visas.

Action Line

THIS refers to my query (about midwife recruitment in Kuwait) published in Action Line, June 3).

In my country of origin, there's no diploma in three year's nursing. A diploma is given if he/she graduates a four years nursing course.

I've taken a pre-nursing course (18 months) and a midwifery course (one semester due to previous pre-nursing course). Will I be considered?

Grace

The Ministry of Health's recruitment rules, published on June 3 clearly state that an expatriate can only be recruited if she holds a diploma in nursing. Although you have the experience and other qualification, you don't have a diploma in nursing.

MY husband left Kuwait for good recently. His departure papers are in my possession. He bought a car on instalments. This car is in Kuwait, and there are still some instalments to be paid to the company. Please advise if this can be sold, and if so, what papers would be required by the traffic or any other concerned authorities.

Mrs. L

According to the rules, the owner's presence is necessary to complete the formalities. However, as you are still paying instalments, it is possible to sell the car provided your husband gives you the power of attorney to make the transaction on his behalf. Please get in touch with the agency from which you bought the car. Perhaps, they'll be able to find a way out for you.

1) IN case an employee's residence is cancelled, should he leave Kuwait on that day itself or is he allowed a certain period of time within which he can leave?

2) If an expatriate employee works for seven years in the private sector in a company like travel agency etc. and decides to resign and return to his country, is he entitled to all his end of service benefits?

3) I wish to perform hajj this year. Can I get a visit visa for my wife to come to Kuwait and then proceed from here to Makkah?

Mohammad

1) When a person's iqama is cancelled, he is given a grace period of between a week and a fortnight to leave the country. The exact duration is stamped on the exit papers after final cancellation of a visa.

2) Small companies employing under five employees are not covered by the labour law. If an employee works in an establishment with more than five employees and resigns after seven years of service, he will be entitled to half the end of service benefits. The full benefits are 15 days pay for the first five years of service; and one month's salary for the following years. An employee has to give 15 days notice or a month's notice, depending on the terms and conditions of his contract.

3) A visit visa can be obtained for your wife. To obtain a visit visa, you'll have to submit an application (obtainable from the Immigration Department), a photocopy of the visitor's passport, and three photographs. The sponsor must submit documentary evidence to prove relationship, a recently issued salary certificate from the employer; photocopy of Civil ID card. There is no salary limit as such. An immigration official has said that the "salary must be suitable to cover a visitor's expenses in Kuwait." The Immigration Department reserves the right to accept or reject an application.

I'M 29 years old, and living in Kuwait since 1982. I want to get married with an expatriate, also living here. My embassy told me that because we are not the same nationality, our marriage will be conducted by the Ministry of Justice. I'm a Christian. I want to know if they will force me to convert to Islam? Can I get married without the knowledge of the sponsor? What are the requirements of the Ministry for those who want to marry in Kuwait? Is there any legal fee.

Ms. Vilfanewa

Everyone is free to marry in Kuwait, regardless of his or her nationality or religion. All marriages are certified by the Ministry of Justice. As you are a Christian, you can contact your church, in person, to help you organise your wedding.

However, if you are a Muslim, then you'll have to go to the Ministry of Justice, in person, with your would-be husband, and register your marriage before two male witnesses. A Muslim man can marry a Christian woman.

You seem to have an unfounded fear that anyone can "force" you to convert to Islam. Muslims don't force people to convert. Conversion to Islam is a matter of choice and not fear.

A lawyer contacted by us, said if your contract states you must stay "single" during the period of employment, then you'll have to seek your sponsor's permission. If there is no such clause in your contract, then there should be no problem, because marriage is a private and personal matter.

1) CAN a pregnant woman travel by plane after completing eight months, that is the first week of the 9th month?

2) Can she bring her child back to Kuwait, provided both parents have a valid No. 18 visa?

3) If a child is born in Kuwait, within how many days can the child's residence be stamped in a mother's passport (minimum)? What are the formalities?

L.V.D.

1) KUWAIT's national carrier accepts pregnant female passengers up to 28 weeks (seven months); thereafter, a doctor's attested certificate is required. Most airlines don't fly pregnant women after 35 weeks. If a woman is pregnant between 32 and 35 weeks, they ask for a doctor's certificate, dated seven days before the date of departure.

2) A mother can bring the child back to Kuwait, provided the father can obtain a visit visa, and qualifies to get a dependent's visa.

3) The procedure can be completed in about 45 days minimum, from the date of birth. Within a week of the child's birth, the infant's name has to be registered at the hospital.

The hospital issues a certificate, which is then registered by the Registrar of Births, Ministry of Health, who give a forward date of between 10 and 15 days to collect the birth certificate. Once the birth certificate is obtained, it has to be attested by the Ministries of Health and Foreign Affairs. After these formalities are completed, you can have the child's name endorsed, by your embassy, on the mother's passport. Then, apply for endorsement of a visa to the Immigration Department, which in most cases, processes the work within a day.

It is also essential to make a Civil ID card for the new born infant. For this, you need a photocopy of the birth certificate, photocopies of the mother's Civil ID card and passport and a duly-filled form supplied by the Public Authority of Civil Information. The Civil ID is processed in about a month.

MY wife was pregnant, and since she was holding a domestic residence permit, she went to India to have the baby. She has returned to Kuwait and the child is in India. I work for the private sector and my wife's employer does not mind her bringing the child. Is it possible to bring the child to Kuwait as a dependent?

W. Saldaña

TO bring a child on a dependent visa, you must qualify under the salary limit rules and earn a salary of KD650 in the private sector.

I'M an Indian student. Recently, I completed my Class XII (intermediate) exams from the New Indian School. I want to seek admission at the Kuwait University's English Department. Will I be allowed to get admission?

A student KUWAIT University reserves a total of 15 per cent seats for non-Kuwaiti students. The admission policy is to give priority to students with 90 per cent marks. Children of diplomats, martyrs, army personnel, teachers and Arab students who were born in Kuwait, and studied here are also considered for admission. If you have obtained 90 per cent marks, you can try.

I HAVE a driving licence from my country. I'd like to transfer it to a Kuwaiti licence. At the moment, I'm working as a photographer but I hold an associate engineer's diploma. If I submit an application to the Traffic Department, can I can my licence?

ONLY engineers, with a degree, are eligible to apply for a change of licence.

If you have a query, need clarification of rules pertaining to immigration, communications or any other matter, or need advice, drop in a line to Action Line, PO Box 2270, 13023, Safat, Kuwait; or fax your questions to 484-7495.

Problem free exams conducted in Jahra

DIRECTOR of Jahra Educational Area Sulaiman Al Koh has said that the exams committees of the Secondary School Certificate did not face any trouble or problem during the exams that were concluded last week.

He said that cheating in exams was considerably less this year. Koh added that his educational area will be more strict in the coming exams. The area will not be upset by reduction of percentage of success as long as its aim to put an end to cheating succeeds, he said.

Retirement

Koh called on students who failed in their exams to prepare from now for the second round of exams and to join the intense courses that are prepared by Kuwait Teachers' Society for weak students. He added that the area has set up a committee to study and determine needs and requirements of schools of the area and to follow up reports of headmasters and proposals submitted by them. The area will open several schools in the area during the new scholastic year, he said.

Meanwhile, Director of Hawalli Educational Area Abdulla Al Rajab has referred the early retirement of teachers to the lack of respect and appreciation. But he added that there are also some other reasons that push teachers to retire at an early age to achieve their ambitions in other places. He added that family plays a big role in inculcating values in children that teach them to respect teachers and education. Teachers in the past were more productive and had better social status than in the present because of well behaved children, the official said.

Rajab pointed out that the social status of teachers can be improved by granting them stability and comfort and by adopting their proposals as well as exempting them from administrative duties to be free for their actual work which is teaching.

Televised scanning for sewerage

Project to cost KD 218 million

By Nashat Al Agha

THE director of the Execution Department of Sanitary Engineering at the Ministry of Public Works, Waleed Naser has stated that television scanning for sewage in Kuwait will cover all areas. He added that the Ministry of Public Works has implemented this system in order to modernise its sewage network. Television scanning for sewage is considered a very advanced method in the field.

Interviewed by Al Seyassa, Waleed added that this important project costs KD218 million, and that the first stage of the project cost KD17 million in 1985.

The sewage network in Kuwait is 5000 kilometres long. Some parts of the network were replaced and other parts are still being repaired after being scanned.

Method
Naser said that Kuwait was one of the advanced countries in the field of sanitary engineering. He added that the sewage network in Kuwait is 25 years old and was first built by using locally manufactured cement pipes. The television scanning system provides an advanced method to take a real look at the condition of underground pipes.

Naser pointed out that Kuwait sewage network is divided into eight areas. The first stage of the project which includes Dasma, Mansouriya, Abdullah Al Salem, Shamiya, Shuwaikh, Nuzha, Faiba, Keifan,

Rawdha, Adailiya and Khaldiya has already begun and will cost KD17 million. The second stage of the television scanning project valued at KD26 million includes Daiya, Daiya east, Qadiya, Shaab, Shaab east, Hawally, and Hawally east. The third stage valued at KD27 million includes Kuwait City, Shuwaikh including Kuwait University, Industrial College, and the hospital area. The fourth stage valued at KD28 million includes Rumaithiya, and Salmiya. The fifth stage at KD27 million includes Sulabikhat, Doha and Jahra. The Ministry of Public Works will soon start with the sixth, seventh and eighth stages which include, Salwa, Fahaeel, Sabahiya, Abu Haleefa, Mangaf, Fintas, Firdous, Ardiya, Rij'ee, Omariya, Khaitan, Farwaniya, and Rabiya at a total cost of KD93 million.

Unsuitable
The director of the execution department added that through the use of the television scanning system it is now clear that cement pipes are not suitable for the sewage network in Kuwait.

He also pointed out that the Ministry of Public Works has already received the first, second and third stages of the television scanning project. As a result of scanning, the ministry now prefers to use clay pipes which is proven to last over 100 years.

He said that 50 per cent of the second stage pipes failed scanning tests and will be replaced as soon as possible. The ministry has also completed the scanning of 50 per cent of the fourth stage.

Pilgrims to be inoculated

AUTHORITIES in Saudi Arabia will not permit pilgrims entry into the country who have not been inoculated against meningitis, an official source said.

In an interview with a local daily, the director of Public Health Department at Kuwait's Ministry of Public Health Dr Rashed Al Owaisi said that pilgrims should be inoculated 21 days prior to the beginning of the pilgrimage season. The stipulated period is determined to be effective to acquire the necessary immunity against meningitis.

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إلى الكويت

Driving school to open in 1991

BOARD members of the Kuwaiti Company for Driving Schools, Col Abdullah Al Eidan said today that the first driving school will open at the beginning of 1991. Speaking in an interview over Kuwait Television yesterday, Col Eidan said that the expected costs of the school will be around KD1 million. He said that the school will be built in the Capital governorate over an area of 25,000 square metres. He also said that all matters relating to the school have been finalised including the design and it will be offered in a tender shortly.

Eidan added that after the opening of the school, every expatriate will be able to obtain a learner's driving permit, and consequently a driving licence.

Eidan admitted that banning the issue of driving licence is unique to Kuwait, but added that this was necessary to solve traffic problems and because the standard of drivers in Kuwait is poor. He added that the main aim of the traffic schools is to qualify persons in the most advanced methods to become good drivers.

He also stressed that the ban on the issue of driving licence to expatriates is temporary. But he expected that the traffic departments in all the governorates are ready to listen to the problems of individuals and may grant the learner's licence on humanitarian grounds.

Eidan hinted that the traffic department is currently preparing a new system to organise traffic on roads, which will include withdrawing the driving licences for long periods from drivers with too many violations. But he did not reveal, however, when the new system will be introduced. Speaking on the new relaxations in providing driving licences to expatriates, he said that all university students, who were born in Kuwait and passed their first in Kuwait, will be able to obtain the learner's driving licence.

AIDS in 10-year-old

HEALTH authorities have discovered a new AIDS case in a 10-year-old boy.

Medical sources told a local daily that the boy is currently kept isolated in Sabah hospital. The sources said that the non-Kuwaiti boy was infected by AIDS because of a blood transfusion in United States after he underwent surgery there. The number of AIDS cases (carriers) so far discovered in Kuwait is 25, of which five were Kuwaiti citizens and the rest of varying nationalities.

Existing anti-AIDS measures are being developed in the country and a new anti-AIDS plan aims at educating the public on the disease.

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Fahaka: 42°C 108°F
Minimum temperatures expected:
Kuwait: 16 per cent
Ahmad: 28 per cent
Fahaka: 32 per cent

GCC ministers fail to agree on customs tariffs

41 per cent imports duty free

RIYADH, June 9, (Reuters): Finance ministers of the six-nation Gulf Co-operation Council (GCC) have failed to agree on the level of tariffs on imported goods.

Bahrain's Finance and National Economy Minister Ibrahim Abdel Karim, speaking to reporters after a one-day meeting, said talks covered duties on foreign imports.

"No specific measures were taken in this respect and consultations will continue in the hope of achieving results at the next meeting," he said. "There are still certain differences on the matter."

Agreement

He recalled that agreement was reached three years ago fixing a maximum duty of 20 per

cent and minimum of four. The group was supposed to agree to set figures within five years but the GCC Supreme Council had been asked to extend the period.

Abdel Karim said ministers decided to divide imports into four categories and also approved measures to protect national industries.

GCC industry ministers last month approved guidelines to

protect locally-made products and referred them to the finance ministers before implementation.

Imports

GCC imports jumped to \$43.8 billion in 1987 from \$34.1 billion in 1986, while exports rose to \$57.8 billion from \$44.6 billion.

Economists say around 41 per cent of GCC imports enter the area virtually duty-free while 47

per cent have a seven per cent tariff, two per cent have a 10 per cent customs duty and the rest carry the maximum 20 per cent rate.

Other questions dealt with by the ministers — from Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates — included negotiations with the European Economic Community.

UNDP board meeting

Awadi to discuss aid

KUWAIT, June 9, (KUNA): Minister of Planning Dr Abdul Rahman Al Awadi has said that at the meeting of the board of governors of the UN Development Programme (UNDP) Kuwait will discuss its memorandum on the UN assistance to the Third World countries emanating from the proposals presented by His Highness the Amir at the UN General Assembly session last September.

Dr Awadi who left for the US Wednesday to attend the three-week celebrations of the 36th session of the board meetings, also said Kuwait is constantly following up the system of distributing material assistance to poor countries and is providing them with the required facilities.

On the board meeting, he said it aims at getting acquainted with what the UN has carried out in the field of technical co-operation with different countries.



Sheikh Ibrahim receives ambassadors

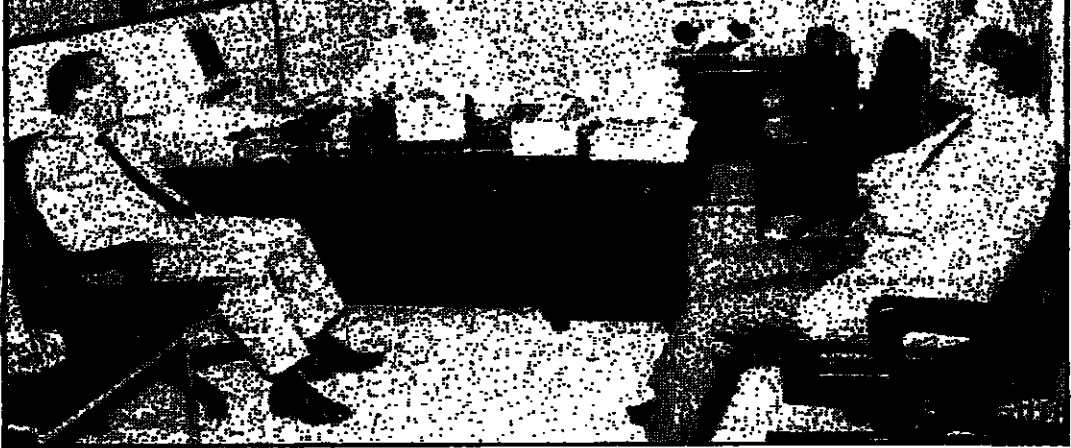
Board Chairman and Director-General of the Public Authority for Agriculture and Fishing Resources Sheikh Ibrahim Duaili Al Ibrahim Al Sabah conferred yesterday with the Tunisian Ambassador to Kuwait Mohammed Al Habib Kaabachi.

The Tunisian ambassador renewed an invitation to Sheikh Ibrahim from his Tunisian counterpart to visit Tunisia to familiarise himself with Tunisia's experiments in the fields of land reformation and desert plantation, particularly on the wheat plantation and veterinary medicine.

Meanwhile, Sheikh Ibrahim also received French Ambassador to Kuwait Jean Bellivier and discussed ways to promote bilateral relations in different spheres.

Bellivier also renewed an invitation by the French Agriculture Minister to Sheikh Ibrahim to visit France.

Pictured here are (above) the Tunisian ambassador with Sheikh Ibrahim and (below) the French envoy.



From the courts

30 months for illegal entry

KUWAIT'S Criminal Court sentenced a man to 30 months rigorous imprisonment on a charge of forging the list of arrivals at Doha port.

The accused is alleged to have entered Kuwait through the port posing as a sailor on a ship which arrived from the UAE. The passport of the accused is further alleged to have been forged.

The accused stayed at a hotel after his arrival at Kuwait for a period of 40 days. Non-payment of his hotel bills resulted in the management lodging a complaint with the police, who apprehended the culprit and later found out that he had entered the country on forged documents.

Traffic violators

A TOTAL of 41 drivers were sent to jail for breaking traffic rules during the month of May, according to statistics at the Traffic Rules Enforcement Department.

Additionally 88 driving licences were withdrawn during the same period.

On appeal, jail sentences of 35 drivers awarded for various offences were reduced to fines, statistics indicated.

Eve teaser arrested

POLICE arrested a 23-year-old man for teasing and molesting a girl.

On a complaint filed by the girl, security personnel kept a watch on the accused. The girl had alleged that the accused had been following her on several occasions and had each time made indecent overtures.

Security personnel were further informed that the accused had added sugar to the complainant's petrol tank.

Investigations revealed that the accused had previous convictions for similar offences.

Security personnel are investigating to determine the authenticity of the allegations.

One year for fraud

THE Criminal Court sentenced a man to one year imprisonment with hard labour and ordered his deportation and fined him KD300 for staying illegally in Kuwait. The man, Zuhair, was accused of pretending to be the agent of a ruling family and utilised this to get money from several persons. He succeeded in getting over KD 30,000 from at least two persons by using the name of the ruling family member. The man confessed during interrogation, but denied the charges in the court claiming that he was beaten by the police. But the documents presented to the court proved the charges beyond any doubt.

The court was told that the accused used to park his car in front of his neighbour's flat to coincide with the time of her putting the laundry to dry.

Invitation to ride

KUWAIT'S Court of Misdemeanour sentenced a youth to one month's imprisonment with a fine of KD20 for continuously inviting a single woman for a car ride.

The court was told that the accused used to park his car in front of his neighbour's flat to coincide with the time of her putting the laundry to dry.

The plaintiff informed the court that she informed her brother of the continued harassment by the accused which led to the investigation authorities keeping the accused under surveillance.

Petrol burns compensation

THE Court of Higher Appeal passed a judgement on a man working for the National Petroleum Company to a fine of KD300.

The court was told that the accused while filling petrol in the car of the accused, sprayed a considerable quantity of high octane petrol on the victim which resulted in severe burns on his breast, stomach, shoulders and other parts of his body.

The victim had asked for compensation of KD10,000. The court initially had decreed a judgement of KD50. However on appeal, the court granted a compensation of KD300 — payable jointly by the company and the employee.

Secondary arts results announced

46 girls in the top 50 list

THE Ministry of Education announced yesterday results for the Higher Secondary Certificate examinations — arts section. The Minister of Education Anwar Al Nouri who signed the results yesterday morning said that this year's pass rate dropped to only 53.4 per cent from 56 per cent last year.

He said that the ministry has this year applied strict supervision in all examination centres to ensure that the results reflect the capability of the students and to also ensure no cheating takes place.

The highest passing rate was recorded in the Arab private schools with 65.2 per cent followed by government schools with 59.9 per cent and nature students centres recorded the lowest of 16 per cent.

All the top 10 were girls and girls are also accounted for 46 out of the top 50 positions. Still girls have the upper hand in the general passing rates in all five educational areas in the government schools. Their passing rates were in Ahmad 69.4 per cent, Jahra 67.1 per cent, Hawalli 83.2 per cent, Capital 82.8 per cent and Farwaniya recorded 78.7 per cent. The passing rates for boys was much less. They were in Ahmad 39.3 per cent, Jahra 26.2 per cent, Hawalli 50.5 per cent, Capital 33.7 per cent and Far-



Heba Mahmoud

waniya 38.2 per cent. The overall passing rate for girls was 77.3 per cent while boys recorded only 39.1 per cent.

In private schools, girls recorded 76.2 per cent while boys recorded 45.1 per cent. Most of students who figured in the top 50 list belong to Hawalli educational area. Half of the top 10 positions were won by five girls from Fajer Al Sabah private school, a sixth position was won by the private Al Tafawoq private school. The remaining four positions were won by government schools.

7799 students appeared for the examinations and only 4154 of them passed. Another 2760 students have got a second



May Farouq Mustafa

chance in the September supplementary examinations. Students failing in a maximum of three subjects, can appear for the supplementaries, while others failing in more than three must repeat the year. Anwar Al Nouri attributed the drop in success rates to a high percentage of failures in the English language. Many students complained of the difficulty of that particular examination. Some of them even claimed that the questions were from outside the syllabus. In all cases, students this year were unanimous that the ministry applied very strict supervisory measures. The ministry instructed all examination centres to exert accurate supervision in order to stop all kinds of cheating.



Abeer Hashem Sayed

Among the top 10, one Kuwaiti girl, in the seventh position Abeer Hashem Sayed obtained 96.7 per cent. The remaining 9 are Egyptians, Syrians and Palestinians. They belong to 5 private and government schools. The first was Heba Mahmoud Mukhtar securing 98.8 per cent followed by May Farouq Mustafa with 98 per cent both from Fajer Al Sabah School. The third Enas Mohammad Ali came from Farwaniya school with 97.7 per cent. All the top three are Egyptians.

Meanwhile, the Ministry of Education will announce today the results of the Science section, where about 12,000 appeared for the examination.

New flyover for Omariya, Farwaniya

SEVERAL proposals concerning organising of the Al Farwaniya and Al Omariya areas including the establishment of a flyover linking the two areas through Jordan Street have been submitted, by Barrak Nasser Al Nouri, member of Kuwait Municipality Affairs Committee.

The proposal has been agreed to by the committee in view of the large number of accidents which has resulted in the death and maiming of a large number of elderly folks and young children.

Another proposal has been submitted to the committee related to the construction of a bridge linking plot four and plot two at Al Omariya area. The second relates to transferring of the cross junction of Fifth Ring Road and Mohammed Ben Al Qasem Street into a highway to avoid the congestion that impedes the traffic movement in the relevant areas. These proposals have been endorsed by the Municipality Affairs Committee.

The official confirmed the importance of the expropriation of Plot No. 37 at Al Farwaniya area due to several social problems for residents.

Othman returns

KUWAIT, June 9, (KUNA): Justice and Legal Affairs Minister Dhari Abdulla Al Othman and the accompanying delegation returned home yesterday concluding a several-day official visit to Bulgaria.

While there, Othman signed a medical agreement between Kuwait and Bulgaria.

Pregnant woman beaten at airport

(Continued from Page 1)

husband, who is a doctor in a hospital in north Wales.

The lady denied the charges and said she was kicked twice in the stomach and beaten with a shoe during a security check. The doctor said the woman is six and half month's pregnant and an epileptic.

The family arrived at Kuwait airport from Dhaka on June 6, Tuesday, to take a connecting flight to London on Wednesday afternoon.

She told the Arab Times, her family was boarding the KAC flight to London on Wednesday at 1.15 pm. As she was going through the security check with her two daughters, aged 11 and 5, security men stopped her for manual checking of the baggage.

"One policeman was examin-

ing my handbag and he asked me to open my vanity bag. I told him: 'The key is in my handbag,' she said.

The exchange turned into a heated argument. She lost her cool when the security men insisted she open the vanity case. She said she was annoyed at the security man's insistence "because obviously he didn't understand that I couldn't open the case without the key" and raised her voice, snatching her handbag from the policeman's hand.

"At first point the first security man slapped me. A second security man removed his shoes and hit me on the chest and they kicked me twice on the stomach," she said.

Her husband said his wife was pinned to the wall and manhandled by the security men. "Her

clothes were torn and she has bruises on her arms," he said. His clothes were also ripped off in the scuffle, he added.

Her husband has contacted the Bangladesh embassy in Kuwait to mediate on their behalf. A diplomat following the case said they are trying to have the charges dropped.

"The only probability is that there was a communication gap," he said.

The lady said she was told to "confess and apologise" to the policemen and the charges will be dropped.

Her husband fears the strain of being in detention, and the fact that she was kicked could precipitate her epileptic fits. "She is in a precarious condition, she may miscarry and have further complications due to convulsions," he said.

Salwa residents bemoan lack of services

RESIDENTS of the Salwa area, a model residential quarter within the governorate of Hawalli stressed that the area still needed major public services, such as a grand co-operative society, a poly-clinic and more police patrols.

Majed Anwar Al Sultan said that the existing poly-clinic in Salwa barely met the local demand of the residents. Further it could not accommodate the frequent patients, who have to turn to Mubarak Al Kaber Hospital.

Sultan pointed out that the existing central market was small and many of the necessary commodities were unavailable. This necessitates residents to buy their

needs from Rumaithiya or Salwa co-operative societies.

The area lacked public recreational facilities and had no parks where children could spend their leisure time. The existing number of garbage containers were infrequently emptied by the Municipality.

Issam Bader Bisara said that the piles of garbage emit a stench and constitute a possible source of diseases.

Mohammad Abdul Wahab Al Hashem said that the existing clinic was small and always closed at nine in the evening. He added, "once I had to take my father there and I arrived at 9.30 but it was closed. I then had to rush him to the Mubarak Al

Kaber Hospital. Unfortunately he died before arrival," he said.

Adnan Al Hajeri said that there still existed old dilapidated houses which deformed the aesthetic look of the area. In block 7 there are excavations in the streets which formed pools during the winter.

He added that farms are also located in different places in Salwa which are old and require renovation.

Yaqoob Yousef said that a large number of bachelors lived among families, which is a source of inconvenience. Lack of adequate police patrols in the area have contributed to speeding by youth. Thefts is also common.

52 haj convoys this year

Quran training organised

THE Undersecretary at Kuwait's Ministry of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs Mohammed Nasser Al Hamdan said that 60 pilgrimage convoys have been licensed this year by the ministry.

In an interview with a local daily Hamdan said that 52 pilgrimage convoys will leave Kuwait this year with about 30,000 pilgrims.

He added that the convoys will begin their journey as of June 18 and the last convoy will leave the country on July 3. A total of 41 convoys will leave for Makkah via Madina, the balance will leave directly for Makkah.

Each convoy has been authorised to take up to a maximum of 350 pilgrims, the undersecretary said. He added that the Ministry of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs had taken all measures to ease for-

malities related to Kuwaiti pilgrims.

The official called on pilgrims to abide by the ministry's instructions particularly medical regulations.

Meanwhile, the Ministry of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs has organised 100 Islamic sessions to be held at different mosques at which Muslims can receive training in reciting the Holy Quran.

A total of 4,000 students are expected to join these sessions this year.

The director of the Islamic Studies Department at the ministry Abdullah Al Najem told a local daily that the ministry had endorsed an integrated programme of training, which includes interpretations of the Quranic verses.

Two sentenced to life in kidnap, rape case

THE Court of Appeal sentenced two men to life imprisonment and ordered them to pay KD5,500 as compensation for kidnapping and sexually assaulting a girl. The Criminal Court had previously sentenced the two to death. The case began when the two men, driving their car, saw the girl, Marilyn with her

girlfriends in the market. They got down and asked the girls for their IDs pretending to be securitymen. The accused then ordered them to get into their car, but the girls ran away after suspecting foul play.

One of the accused, Abdullah, chased after them and when Marilyn fell he beat her and forc-

bly got her into the car.

As it was night, the two accused drove to a deserted house outside the town and raped her several times. She was rescued only by a police car patrol, which was circulating in the area.

The Criminal Court, after proving their crimes, sentenced

Abdul Rahman and Abdullah to death after accusing them of kidnapping the girl, raping her and keeping her against her wish in a deserted house. The court also ordered them to pay KD1001 as a temporary compensation. Later, the Court of Higher Appeal reduced the sentence to a life term.

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Curfew in Gaza continues, 3 killed

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, June 9 (Agencies): The entire Gaza Strip remained under curfew today for the sixth full day, the longest curfew clamped on the region since the start of the Palestinian uprising 19 months ago, today.

Despite the measure imposed on the 650,000 Palestinians living in Gaza, dozens of residents defied the curfew to attend Friday prayers in neighbourhood mosques, Palestinian sources said. No major clashes were reported and Palestinians stayed away from mosques on the main Gaza streets, the sources said.

Last night, authorities lifted the curfew in Gaza City for two hours for residents to buy food, but Palestinian sources said youths took the opportunity to throw stones at soldiers.

In the West Bank today, Palestinians kept their shops closed and observed a general strike to mark the start of the 19th month of the uprising. Twenty-two Israelis and 509 Palestinians have been killed during the uprising against 22 years of Israeli occupation.

At least four Palestinians were wounded during confrontations with soldiers today, but generally the territories were quiet, Palestinian sources said. The military also raided several West Bank villages to track down suspects and to force residents to clear slogans from buildings, the sources said.

The incidents in the territories came as Jews celebrated the holiday of Shavuot, which commemorates the receiving of the 10 Commandments.

Israeli authorities have imposed curfews on the entire narrow Gaza Strip periodically throughout the Palestinian uprising, especially on anniversaries and special occasions in an effort to prevent violence. The military clamped a nearly week-long curfew on the Gaza Strip in November when the Palestine National Council declared an independent Palestinian state in the territories.

Last month, the military clamped curfews on the entire Gaza Strip at least three different times for more than a half dozen days, although curfews remained in effect longer on several individual towns and refugee camps in Gaza.

Military sources said the latest curfew was imposed late Saturday as a "security measure," but declined further comment on whether the crackdown was an effort to arrest Palestinians suspected of acts against Israel. During a curfew last month, more than 200 activists of the Islamic resistance movement, Hamas, were arrested in a sweep.

During the curfew, Palestinians in several Gaza neighbourhoods were given the chance to receive permits under a new entrance policy to Israel. Under the policy, any male Gaza resident over 16 who wishes to work in or travel to Israel must have the new permit that includes a security check.

Arab hit squads shot to death two suspected Palestinian collaborators yesterday, in one incident, the assailants forced their way into a West Bank hospital to assassinate their victim, reportedly using a gun with a silencer.

Also yesterday a 13-year-old Palestinian boy was shot and killed by a military patrol, Arab hospital officials said. Arab reports said there were no clashes between troops and Palestinian stone-throwers at the time, and that it was not clear what provoked the shooting.

All three shootings occurred in the West Bank town of Nablus. In a new drive against the uprising, Israeli authorities are restricting the movement of Arab workers in ways that critics say resemble South African apartheid.

Israel has turned down a Syrian offer to exchange the body of an Israeli soldier missing in Lebanon for 21 Palestinian fighters held in Israeli jails, Israeli and Palestinian sources say.

Defence ministry officials would not comment saying Israel never reacted to reports of possible prisoner swaps.

PLO rejects US call to reconsider poll plan

US should support Palestine: Arafat

NICOSIA, June 9 (AP): Yasser Arafat, chairman of the PLO, has called on the United States to recognize that any Palestine entity deserves independent status. He reiterated in a statement distributed by the PLO press agency Wafa that Israel must withdraw from the occupied territories before elections can take place there.

The remarks came as the United States and the PLO entered their third round of an official dialogue. The talks in Tunis, Tunisia are designed to lead to a Middle East settlement.

"I ask the United States of America: why did you agree on an international status for Namibia and you refused such status in our occupied territories?" Arafat said.

United Nations troops moved into Namibia in April to help supervise the country's transition from domination by South Africa to independence with free elections.

Arafat has previously suggested UN supervision for elections once Israel withdraws from the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

government that elections provide a way forward and that the proposal put forth by the government of Israel is a constructive and workable one, deserving of a positive Palestinian response," Pelletreau said after the meeting with PLO

representatives. "I noted that such elections should be free and fair, open to the media and outside observers and entail as broad a participation as possible. "It is our hope that the PLO will seriously consider this idea

and that Palestinian and Arab governments will respond constructively," Pelletreau said.

Arab leaders unanimously rejected the Shamir proposal last month at an Arab League summit in Casablanca, Morocco. US President Bush sent a message to



US and PLO (right) delegations in talks (Reuter wirephoto)

leaders at the summit, saying the Shamir initiative deserved "encouragement."

During the talks yesterday, the US delegation sat face to face with the PLO team at separate rectangular tables in a govern-

ment-owned guest house at the ancient Phoenician port of Carthage northeast of Tunis.

The tables, which were placed 3.3 feet apart during the first round of talks on Dec 16, were moved closer together during the

second round on March 22 and touched for the first time yesterday.

Rabbat said the PLO pushed for a stronger expression of support from the Bush administration.

Ruling party sweeps Egyptian elections

Fighting during polls

CAIRO, June 9 (Reuters): President Hosni Mubarak's National Democratic Party (NDP) swept the board in voting results announced today, winning or ensuring victory in all the elected seats of the Shura Council, a consultative body that recommends laws to parliament.

Islamic Fundamentalists, the main opposition force, quickly cried foul, calling the one-sided result "a defeat for democracy."

"We are not surprised by the results. We were expecting that there would be rigging from the very first moment we entered," Mamoun El Houdibi, a leader of the Muslim Brotherhood told Reuters.

"But at least we have done our duty and tried to spread our message," said Houdibi, whose party is officially outlawed but was allowed to contest the election in alliance with two legal parties.

Before polling stations opened yesterday police staged a round-up of Islamic fundamentalists. The number arrested was not announced. An opposition newspaper said it ran into hundreds.

Interior Minister Zaki Badr told a news conference that NDP candidates won outright in 143 seats.

Opposition parties were eliminated from the remaining 10 contested seats and run-offs next Thursday will all be between pairs of NDP rivals.

President Mubarak will appoint 86 members to the council and the rest of the 258 seats have already been filled by NDP candidates who stood unopposed.

Parliament, elected in 1987, has 96 members of opposition parties among its 558 members but independents will be heard in the largely powerless only if Mubarak appoints them.

About 10 million people voted of the 14.4 million eligible, Badr said.

The Muslim Brotherhood ran in alliance with the Socialist Labour Party (SLP) and the Liberal Socialist Party (LSP), using the slogan "Islam is the solution" and pegging its appeal to widespread complaints of economic stagnation and rising prices.

Badr denounced the Brotherhood yesterday as an illegal group which received funds from Iran and plotted sabotage.

At his news conference this evening, he said the elections went smoothly in a democratic atmosphere.

"The election results have shown that the masses have the good judgement...which has enabled them to choose as their representatives the best elements and the most able to achieve their goals," he said.

Houdibi told Reuters that "We regret the political state of our country which is not able to hold free elections. The results are a defeat for democracy."

Gunfire and fist-fights marred today's elections of key posts of the Egyptian national bar, when a contender for the bar presidency opened fire and seriously wounded a barrister, police said.

Police said the assailant, Ahmed Nasser opened fire to force a halt to the elections of the bar's president and the 24-seat board, seriously wounding one of the many thousands of barristers who turned out at the polls.



Mubarak votes in national elections.

Nahda movement

Trying again

TUNIS, June 9 (Reuters): Tunisia's Islamic movement, denied recognition as a political party, will make a second application as soon as possible, one of its leaders said yesterday.

Sheikh Abdelfattah Mourou, one of 20 founding members of the Nahda (renaissance) movement, said they would reapply to the Interior Ministry after a general amnesty bill goes through Parliament.

The ministry told Mourou on Wednesday it could not give the Nahda movement a permit because 15 of the founding members had criminal records and could not take part in politics until the amnesty restored their civil rights.

In parliamentary elections in April, the movement proved itself the second largest political force in Tunisia, with 13 per cent of the popular vote against 80 per cent for the ruling Democratic Constitutional Union.

Political analysts said they doubted the government decision to reject the application was irreversible. "It's not the end of the chapter," said one. "It's not the end of Islamic activism."

"Recognition is a really tough question for a government which proclaims pluralist principles and it's clear the government was not of one mind," he added.

The independent weekly news magazine Le Maghreb described it as "a refusal which left the doors open and did not completely burn the bridges with the Islamic movement."

Nasser had reportedly led a large assembly of his supporters outside the doors of the bar's Cairo headquarters at 2.30 (1130 GMT) and demanded admission to deliver a statement, but when denied access for his unregistered supporters tried to disrupt the polls.

Fierce fighting between rival wings of the bar broke out prompting police intervention. The Egyptian national bar is membership by 32,692 barristers.

Meanwhile, a sweeping victory for Mubarak's ruling party was expected in results due today. Zaki Badr confirmed opposition press reports that his forces had rounded up Islamic fundamentalists as the polls opened, but gave no figures.

He denounced Muslim militants as Iranian-backed saboteurs. The opposition Wafd daily newspaper said yesterday that police had detained hundreds of alleged Muslim fundamentalists ahead of the polls, apparently to avert any trouble.

Under emergency laws imposed in Egypt after Muslim zealots killed President Anwar Sadat in 1981, police are entitled to detain suspects indefinitely without charge.

I won't resign, Najibullah affirms

KABUL, June 9 (Agencies): Afghan President Najibullah has firmly rejected US and Pakistani calls for his government to step down as a precondition for peace in Afghanistan, saying his government is a reality all must face.

"This seriously is not a political solution," Najibullah said about a possible resignation in a statement to the official Afghan news agency Bakhtar last night.

He said a political solution to the 10-year war could not be achieved without the participation of his ruling People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan (PDPA).

Najibullah said his Soviet-backed government was the legitimate government of Afghanistan, which was recognised by the United States.

"We hope the United States and Pakistan will accept reality," said Najibullah, who has ruled the war-ravaged country since taking over the presidency in 1987.

He welcomed moves by President Bush and Pakistani Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto towards a political settlement of the conflict, which has killed one million people and turned five million Afghans into refugees.

He said there was a contradiction in their decision to go on supplying arms to the mujahedeen rebels, who are fighting to oust him after helping to secure the withdrawal of Soviet forces.

Both the United States and Pakistan have said they want to see the removal of Najibullah, a former head of the Afghan secret police, as a precondition for peace.

Washington calls his communist-based government illegitimate and wants it replaced by a "non-aligned, representative government."

Benazir, during her trip this week to the US, has pushed Bush to open discussions with the Soviet Union on how a settlement could be achieved.

In an interview with Reuters on Wednesday, Afghan Foreign Minister Abdul Wakil rejected any suggestion that Najibullah should step down in advance of new elections, saying it would weaken the PDPA.

They have to settle all problems with President Najibullah, nobody else," Wakil said. "This is our leader, they should sit for talks with him," he said about the Western-backed rebels.

Najibullah has offered a series of peace proposals following the withdrawal of Soviet forces last February.

They include a general ceasefire, formation of a broad-based provisional government including the PDPA and other warring factions, and peace talks, followed by the drawing up of a new constitution and national elections.

The mujahedeen, supported by Pakistan and the US, have so far rejected his proposals for power-sharing and peace negotiations, saying they refuse to talk to communists.

The Soviet Union has said that if the Afghan rebels put their hands on US planes intended for Pakistan, it would have serious consequences.

Six US universities are planning to help reconstruction in Afghanistan by offering engineering courses in Peshawar, Pakistan, an American professor said yesterday.



Home destroyed

An Arab house is blown to bits as the Israeli Army sets off explosive charges. The house of Bassam Shaaban Makussi, 19, a Palestinian under arrest by Israeli security forces, was demolished after Makussi confessed to heading a small Islamic fundamentalist group responsible for several petrol bomb attacks against Israeli soldiers. (Reuter wirephoto)

US vetoes UN condemnation

UNITED NATIONS, June 9 (Reuters): For the second time in four months the United States today vetoed a Security Council resolution condemning Israel's actions in the occupied territories.

The United States said the draft, supported by the other 14 members of the council, was unbalanced.

More than 500 Palestinians have been killed in an 18-month-old uprising in the territories.

The United States vetoed a similar council resolution in February.

Last month it blocked the issuing of a council statement on the same subject because it did not include an appeal for restraint by Palestinians as well as Israel.

The United States proposed a number of amendments to the latest draft but they were not accepted by the seven non-aligned members of the council who sponsored it — Algeria, Colombia, Ethiopia, Malaysia, Nepal, Senegal and Yugoslavia.

During the debate, a steady stream of speakers condemned Israel's actions in suppressing the Palestinian uprising, or intifada, in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, captured from Jordan and Egypt in the 1967 Arab-Israeli war.

They also criticised violence by some of the 70,000 Israeli settlers living among the 1.7 million Palestinians in the occupied territories and compared the issuing by some settlements of 'foreign worker' identity tags to the yellow stars of David Jews were forced to wear under the Nazis.

A number of speakers also referred to a recent report that some Israeli soldiers had used pages torn from a Quran as toilet paper. Israel said the soldiers

involved could not read Arabic.

The vetoed resolution would have strongly deplored "those policies and practices of Israel...which violate the human rights of the Palestinian people in the occupied territory, as well as vigilante attacks against Palestinian towns and villages and desecration of the Holy Quran."

Soldiers shot and wounded three Palestinians during clashes in villages near the town of Nablus in the occupied West Bank today, Palestinian hospital officials reported. Among the wounded was a 13-year-old boy shot in the neck.

In Gaza City, soldiers shot and wounded a youth who opposed the curfew, hospital officials said.

A two-year-old Jewish girl was stabbed and lightly wounded in the occupied Jerusalem neighbourhood of East Talpote today by a "mentally ill" Palestinian from the nearby village of Jebel Mukaber, police told Israel Radio.

It would also have called on Israel to accept the legal applicability of the 1949 fourth Geneva Convention on the protection of civilians in time of war, demand that Israel halt the deportation of Palestinians, express great concern about the prolonged closure of schools in parts of the occupied territories and ask Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar to issue reports on the situation, including recommendations on ways of protecting the inhabitants.

Speaking before the vote, ambassador Thomas Pickering of the United States said there was much in the resolution with which his government agreed, but other elements were unacceptable.

US drafts plans for polls in held areas

WASHINGTON, June 9 (KUNA): Disagreeing with Israel over the modalities of its "local Palestinian elections plan," the Bush administration is preparing an alternate version and hopes to win Israeli and Palestinian backing for a dialogue about it, administration officials said yesterday.

The officials, who asked not to be named, said they were uncertain how Israel would react to the more "activist" US approach. But they guessed the Palestinians would agree to study it.

Although US spokesmen have said the US "wholeheartedly" endorsed the Israel concept, put forth here by Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir in March, serious differences exist on how the elections should be organised and who should participate.

Among others, the US seeks the involvement of East Jerusalem Arabs in the local voting, while Israel has rejected that.

According to a US official, Secretary of State James Baker told Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Arens in a letter in late April, "It is imperative to find a way to enable the (Arab) inhabitants of East Jerusalem to take part in the elections."

He also observed: "The attractiveness of (Shamir's) plan would grow immeasurably if it were accompanied both by moves in the field and if it were made part of a comprehensive peace process."

Baker said here yesterday the US "of course" supports Israel's plan for local Palestinian elections, so long as it was part of a comprehensive settlement based on UN Resolutions 242 and 338.

His remarks came in the wake of, and partly explained the latest US-PLO dialogue in Tunis earlier in the day.

Addressing the National Press Club in a question session following an address on the recent NATO summit in Brussels, Baker said: "We got into a fair amount of substance today in that (US-PLO) dialogue. We of course support the proposal that Prime Minister Shamir has advanced for elections in the occupied territories."

The US is unlikely to endorse PLO demands to recognise Palestinians "self-determination" because the term has "been a code word for an independent state," a State Department official said yesterday.

Soviet official urges Riyadh to set up ties

KUWAIT, June 9 (AP): A senior Soviet official was quoted here today as urging Saudi Arabia to establish diplomatic relations with the Soviet Union and to arrange a new reconciliation meeting for an end to the Afghan rebel fighting against Kabul.

"I spoke to the Saudi monarch, King Fahd about the exchange of ambassadors between our two countries when I was in Saudi Arabia. We are still waiting a Saudi response," said Yuri Vorontsov, first deputy foreign minister in an interview published in a local newspaper.

Vorontsov, an ambassador extraordinary on Afghanistan, led the Soviet team for the first face-to-face negotiations with the Afghan

rebels during talks hosted by Saudi Arabia last December.

The theocratic kingdom, a staunch supporter of the rebels in their nine-year rebel war in the name of Islam against the Soviet-backed government in Kabul, arranged the talks despite the absence of diplomatic ties with Moscow.

Saudi leaders had indicated that the Soviet pullout of an estimated 100,000 troops from Afghanistan would encourage the exchange of ambassadors. The kingdom was the first country to recognise the interim government formed by the rebels after the Feb 15 withdrawal.

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Arab envoy due in Beirut, blast kills 4

US downgrades Syrian role

BEIRUT, June 9, (Agencies): A car bomb killed at least four people and injured three in Muslim West Beirut today and Syrian gunners shelled Christian ports north of the Lebanese capital.

Arab League mediator Lakhdar Brahimi was due to arrive in Beirut from Damascus and political analysts said the violence might be timed to increase pressure on him.

Security sources said the Syrians fired multi-barrelled rocket launchers and field guns at ports and residential areas in the Christian enclave controlled by the troops of Army commander Major-General Michel Aoun. There were no reports of casualties.

The BMW car in Syrian-policed West Beirut, rigged with 50 kg (110 pounds) of explosives, blew up near a seafood restaurant only 100 metres from a Syrian checkpoint. The blast threw three of the victims into the sea from pavement cafes.



Lebanese policemen, Syrian troops and civil defence workers check the site of the car bomb explosion that occurred in West Beirut on Thursday. (Reuter wirephoto)

It was the seventh car bomb explosion in Lebanon this year. A car bomb on May 16 killed 22 people, including Sunni Muslim religious leader Sheikh Hassan Khaled.

Brahimi will meet both Sunni Muslim acting Prime Minister Selim Hoss, head of a Syrian-backed government, and Aoun, a Christian who leads a rival cabinet of Army officers in east Beirut, official sources said.

They said he would discuss an Arab League plan for a political settlement, including presidential elections, to end Lebanon's 14-year civil war.

The country has had two governments since September when Parliament failed to elect a successor to President Amin Gemayel who appointed Aoun hours before stepping down.

The sources said talks would also cover ways to consolidate a shaky ceasefire mediated by Ibrahim on May 11 and to end a 11-week sea and land blockade of the Christian heartland.

The ceasefire halted two months of fierce artillery bombardments of residential areas, in which more than 360 people were killed.

But Syrian troops and their Muslim militia allies have continued to shell the Christian-controlled coast daily to enforce the blockade.

Muslim forces banned all motorists today from using the museum crossing, the last point linking divided Beirut.

The crossing has been closed, except to pedestrians and motorists with special permits, since Syrian and allied forces laid siege to the Christian enclave on March 21.

Witnesses said soldiers loyal to Major-General Sami Al Khatib, whose 15,000 mainly Muslim troops broke away from Aoun's Army, seized food from civilians crossing to the Christian side and stamped on it.

The shelling erupted in mid-March when Aoun began blocking Muslim militia ports to try to extend his authority beyond Christian areas.

His opponents retaliated by sealing off the Christian enclave, causing acute shortages of fuel, food and other basics.

In Damascus, the foreign ministers of Saudi Arabia, Morocco and Algeria were holding talks with Syrian officials. They were expected to fly to Iraq, which backs Aoun, for further consultations.

An Arab summit in Casablanca last month entrusted the heads of state of the three countries with mediating a solution to the crisis in Lebanon within six months.

The US administration has made the "first serious and important change" in its policy on Lebanon and believes Syria has lost its role as a peacemaker there, a Kuwaiti daily reported today.

In a dispatch from Paris, the newspaper quoted "reliably informed Western diplomatic sources" as saying that the new US policy was communicated recently to a number of Arab and West European governments.

"The new policy considers the salvation of Lebanon as the key to the US interests, and that Syria is no longer capable of playing the role of the acceptable mediator among the Lebanese parties and consequently Damascus has lost its role as a peacemaker in Lebanon," the report said.



Iranian Parliamentary Speaker Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani (second from left) flanked by the Chief Prosecutor Moussavi Khoemka (left) and the Chief Justice Ayatollah Mousavi Ardebili (third from left) and Prime Minister Mir-Hossein Mousavi (right) as they speak to an unidentified aide at Tehran University.



Iranian children seated in front of a large portrait of the late Khomeini attend Friday prayers at Tehran University. (Reuter wirephoto)

Khomeini backed as ruler

Reporters see apartment

Khomeini led a simple life

TEHRAN, June 9, (UPI): Iran Wednesday allowed the first foreign reporters to tour the late Ayatollah Khomeini's mosque and his two-room, \$86-a-month rental apartment.

Men and women clad in black, many weeping and carrying infants, joined long columns of Revolutionary Guards in a tour of the apartment and mosque in Jamaran, a suburb some 10 miles (16 km) north of Tehran.

Women held red orchids in their hands, creating a view of red spots in a sea of black. The crowds made their way through iron gates policed by armed guards along the tree-lined route to the Hosseinih Jamaran Mosque.

The mosque was filled with waiting men and women. The carpets were removed from the floor, revealing concrete, and Khomeini's chair was covered with a white sheet and flowers. A portrait of the leader, who died Saturday, rested on the chair.

Linked to the mosque by a metal platform was a two-room apartment. Officials from the

Ministry of Islamic Guidance said Khomeini paid \$86 a month in rent for the apartment, where he lived with his wife since he came to Tehran from Qom in 1980 for a heart operation.

Khomeini's widow, Sarafi, 65, was introduced, but did not speak.

In Khomeini's simple living-room was his sheet-covered couch. On the couch was a radio and a pair of eyeglasses. A television was placed on a chair on the other corner of the small room.

One official said Khomeini regularly listened to Persian-language broadcasts of the BBC and the Voice of America.

A folded mattress on which he slept was in another room. He made tea for himself every morning in a small kitchen, on a tiny stove, and would then use the outside toilet before going for a short walk.

His personal physician, Dr Hassan Arefi, last week said Khomeini exercised by taking 25- to 30-minute walks three times a day.

country's international isolation and boost private enterprise in opposition to radical hardliners who favour a self-reliant fundamentalist Iran.

Rafsanjani said it was good that so many foreign reporters had come to Iran for Khomeini's funeral.

"When they saw these people and how they were crying and screaming from the bottom of their heart, and saw the earth, the sky, the trees, the walls crying, it must have had an impact. This is the least they would report."

"Obeying Khomeini is obeying Khomeini," chanted the crowd packing the Tehran University campus and all surrounding streets and avenues from miles (kilometres). Whole families knelt on prayer mats in the streets.

The early part of the meeting was a eulogy to Khomeini with the crowd chanting "O Khomeini, we swear to remain faithful to your teachings," and "We shall be your soldiers till we die."

Rafsanjani and other leaders at cross-legged on carpets beneath the rostrum, which held a huge colour portrait of Khomeini draped in black. Four little boys kneeling at its base grasped bunches of red and white gladioli.

In front of the rostrum a Persian carpet held plates of dates, a traditional offering during memorial services.

Rafsanjani, as usual grasping the barrel of an AK-47 assault rifle, began speaking immediately after the congregation was whipped into a frenzy of slogan-chanting in praise of Khomeini.

Today huge crowds continued travelling to the outskirts of Tehran to Khomeini's graveside Beheshti Zahra cemetery, where many of the dead from the eight-year war with Iraq also are buried.

The crowds all tried to touch the four shipping containers stacked around the grave. People fainted in the crush as many beat their breasts.

Khomeini warned Iranians their enemies were poised like vultures to take advantage of the death of Khomeini.

Khomeini, in his first major speech since his appointment as Khomeini's successor, warned Iranians they risked the "greatest catastrophe" if they let minor differences grow into open rifts.

He called for vigilance against plots by enemies keen to take advantage of any vacuum left by the death of Khomeini.

But US Secretary of State

James Baker predicted that the death of Khomeini would plunge Iran into a major power struggle.

"Change is clearly going to take place now in Iran," Baker said in response to a question at the National Press Club in Washington.

"It is my own view that in all probability there will be a significant power struggle there," he said. "It remains to be seen whether there will be any basis for improving relations with that country."

Peace

Khomeini, dismissing the possibility of renewed fighting with Gulf war foe Iraq, has predicted a successful outcome to peace talks with Baghdad.

IRNA said today that Khomeini made his remarks in response to a message of allegiance from armed forces commanders.

"The Army... is confident of protecting Islam and the Islamic homeland against internal and external enemies under your command," IRNA quoted Khomeini as saying.

"This does not mean that there is going to be war or that the ceasefire (with Iraq) is shaky. The negotiations are continuing and will achieve desirable results."

Turkish embassy stormed in Iran

ANKARA, Turkey, June 9, (AP): Demonstrators scaled the walls of the Turkish embassy grounds in Tehran yesterday and were removed by Iranian Revolutionary Guards, a report said.

A dispatch from Tehran by Turkey's semi-official Anatolia news agency said the Iranian protesters numbered 100.

Diplomats said some of the crowd, shouting "Down with Turkey," scaled the metal fence around the embassy and, entered the compound where they smashed the front door and broke windows and wrecked 12 cars.

In its version, IRNA said the crowds chanted "Death to Evren," a reference to Turkish President Kenan Evren. It said one person was arrested for trying to infiltrate the embassy grounds.

IRNA said the demonstrations ended about two hours after its start due to repeated appeals to the crowd for calm by Revolutionary Guards.

Anatolia reported no injuries. IRNA said the demonstrators were protesting the publication of articles in the Turkish press insulting the late Iranian leader Ayatollah Khomeini.

The demonstrators also attacked two Turkish journalists trying to take pictures of the assault, Anatolia reported.

It identified them as Saadetin Teksoy of the Istanbul Daily Hurriyet and Yusuf Sancak of The Daily Turkiye. The pair were later taken to a police station where they were kept for three hours and their film was confiscated, Anatolia added.

In a separate incident, photographer Coskun Aral, a Turk working for the French Sipa Press, and French photographer Regis Bussio, working for the Sygma Photo Agency, were taken to a police station after they were seen photographing the tomb of Khomeini in Tehran, Anatolia added.

MIDEAST BRIEFS

Bahrain journalists

MANAMA, June 9, (AP): Two journalists working for international news agencies in Bahrain had their credentials withdrawn by the Ministry of Information, and one is being expelled, the English-language newspaper Gulf Daily News reported today.

The ministry took the action against Selim Yaseine, deputy manager of Agence France Press's regional office in Bahrain and Mariam Al Khatifa of Reuters, the paper reported.

Border incident

ADEN, June 9, (Reuters): South Yemen and Saudi Arabia are continuing contacts over an incident involving their border patrols last week, the Aden news agency said today.

It quoted an official source as saying the matter was being resolved.

"Riyadh and Aden will continue to have brotherly relations based on neighbourhood, co-operation and non-interference in each other's internal affairs," the source said.

UAE to buy Mirage

PARIS, June 9, (KUNA): The United Arab Emirates had accepted to buy 36 Mirage-2000 fighters after making necessary modifications requested by Abu Dhabi, according to president of the Marcel Dassault Aeronautics manufacturer, Serge Dassault yesterday.

Dassault, who was speaking on occasion of today's Le Bourget Air Show, indicated that supply of equipment requested by the UAE to be fitted to the 36 ordered planes would be supplied in the course of this year.

Jailors bribed

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, June 9, (Reuters): A Soviet-born Israeli convicted of spying for Moscow bribed his jailors to allow him sex visits and other privileges, Israel's Tim news agency said on Wednesday.

It said Shabtai Katmanovitz, 42, appeared in a Tel Aviv court with prison governor Amran Vaakin on charges that Vaakin allowed the former political aide special privileges in return for unspecified payment.

Official visit

VIENNA, June 9, (KUNA): Saudi Arabia's Second Deputy Premier and Defence Minister Prince Sultan Bin Abdul Aziz Al Saud is scheduled to pay next Monday a three-day official visit to Austria, it was announced here today.

Prince Sultan met in Paris yesterday with French President Francois Mitterrand to whom he delivered a message from King Fahd of Saudi Arabia.

PLO meeting

DAMASCUS, June 9, (KUNA): The secretary-general of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine Dr George Habash said the PLO will pressurise the PLO to deal with Shamir's plan in their meeting in Tunis yesterday.

Habash, at a press conference yesterday on the eve of 18 months since outbreak of the uprising, said the US may threaten the PLO of severing the American-PLO dialogue if the organisation does not demonstrate "positive" response to Shamir's plan.

Offer rejected

NAIROBI, June 9, (Reuters): Rebels in Ethiopia's Red Sea province of Eritrea yesterday rejected President Mengistu Haile Mariam's latest offer of talks to end their 28-year-old insurgency.

The Eritrean People's Liberation Front (EPLF) said in a statement that Mengistu's refusal to discuss full independence for the former Italian colony was unacceptable.

Egyptian on spying charge

KUWAIT, June 9, (KUNA): Abdel Qader Helmi, an Egyptian space scientist, will face charges of espionage before a US court next August, local press reports quoted informed sources as saying yesterday.

Dr Helmi, who was arrested a year ago during a visit by Egyptian Former Defence Minister Abdel Halim Abu Ghazalah in Washington, is still behind bars in a California state prison.

A local news daily quoted Egyptian sources as saying that the Egyptian national has tried to obtain restricted technological information, a matter which stirred anger in Tel Aviv and Washington.

The daily said Dr Helmi was one of Egypt's prominent men in the war field. He then left for the US



Qaboos in Spain

MADRID, June 9, (AP): King Juan Carlos and Sultan Qaboos Bin Said have both expressed support for the rights of the Palestinian people to self-determination and the need for Israel to pave the way for an international peace conference.

Qaboos travelled to Jerez, in southern Spain, for a brief visit to the Andalucian riding school, before flying

to the Mediterranean island of Majorca to spend the weekend aboard his yacht.

He is seen admiring a stallion (left) presented by Carlos.

Qaboos is making a point as he talks (right) with Queen Sofia. (Reuter wirephotos).

Saddam seeks co-operation

Iraq wants lasting peace

BAGHDAD, June 9, (Agencies): President Saddam Hussein said on Wednesday Iraq was trying to turn the Gulf ceasefire with Iran into a lasting peace and establish stable relations, removing prospects of resumed conflict.

Saddam's remarks were his first public comment on Gulf tensions since the weekend death of Iran's spiritual leader Ayatollah Khomeini.

He said: "Let us co-operate to make Iran move towards peace, to live freely inside its territory and let the region decide its choice (of living) freely."

He said Iraq's reconstruction of its southern towns of Basra and Faw, within range of Iran's gunfire, was intended to encourage Iran to move toward peace.

"We want to tell Iran that time and life are for construction and not for destruction," he told a delegation from an American-Iraqi group visiting the country.

Baghdad television quoted Saddam as saying: "We adhere to the ceasefire and firmly endeavour to convince Iran to turn it into a lasting peace and to

establish stable relations, far away from a possible resumption of war."

A UN-brokered ceasefire has held with no major violations for the past 10 months despite a stalemate in peace talks which started on Aug 25, five days after the truce took effect.

Talking about Iraqi-US relations, badly affected by the US supply of weapons to Iran in 1986 in the so-called Irangate affair, Saddam said: "Iraq is not the type of country which deals with the complexes of the past."

The UN has postponed the issuance of a statement on the outcome of the current preparatory talks between the secretary-general's special representative on the Iran-Iraq conflict, Jan Eliasson of Sweden, with the representatives of both sides.

The talks started here on Monday between Eliasson and Ismat Kittani, Iraq's permanent representative to the UN in New York on one side and with Sirous Nassiri, Iran's permanent representative to the UN in Geneva.

Terms for Rushdie deal

LONDON, June 9, (Reuters): Iran's leaders set conditions to drop the late Ayatollah Khomeini's death threat against author Salman Rushdie, British newspapers reported yesterday.

Kalim Siddiqui, the director of London's Muslim Institute, said Rushdie should withdraw his novel, the Satanic Verses, and give proceeds to a fund for victims of religious riots in India and Pakistan, according to reports in the Times and Daily Express.

"Iran has no intention of killing Mr Rushdie. It will not withdraw the death threat, but is prepared to let the matter drop," Siddiqui was quoted as saying.

Siddiqui, who led the British delegation to Khomeini's funeral, made the remarks after talks with Iranian leaders in Tehran.

ARAB TIMES

Thought for today

I LIKE a man who grins when he fights — Sir Winston Churchill, British statesman (1874-1965).

OPINION

Lebanese want all forces out

IT has become evidently clear that the Lebanese people desire that all foreign forces pull out from their country.

Thus, any decision on Lebanon that does not clearly stress on this point, will not be in line with the aspirations and demands of the Lebanese national will.

General Michel Aoun has really sparked the true feelings of the Lebanese will.

These demands to liberate Lebanon and achieve independence have been repeatedly met with maiming, killings and destruction to property.

Lebanon was waiting for some time for a leader to openly express Lebanese demands for liberating Lebanese soil.

This is indeed the secret which is reflected in overt and covert support for Gen. Aoun. Irrespective of whether Aoun remains in power after independence is achieved or not — Lebanese demands are meant to stay.

Thus, we cannot under the pretext of protecting Muslims keep invading forces in Lebanon. This will create a precedent for Europe and the Pope to send troops to protect Christians in Lebanon. We should allow other forces to protect Shiites in Lebanon and should give the same facility to Armenians and others.

Only the Lebanese know how to deal with the peculiar set of circumstances they have been afflicted with. It is we the Arabs who created the imbalance in Lebanon by exporting several Arab contradictory ideologies. This has converted Lebanon into several rival factions. The Arab countries have contributed to this imbalance by buying some people.

The meetings of the tripartite committee formed by the Arab summit to solve the Lebanese crisis should take into account the departure of all strangers from Lebanon.

Let us leave its people with all its sects alone to deal with each other. They are certainly more capable of finding the formula best suited to them. Any other solution will not be pragmatic and will not withstand logical dissemination.

Ahmed Al Jarallah

Ethnic Albanians grow restive again

By Vjekoslav Radovic

THREE months after 24 people died in riots in Yugoslavia's communally divided Kosovo province, ethnic Albanians are growing restive again while Serbs are preparing a triumphant national celebration.

Trouble flared again on May 30, when one ethnic Albanian demonstrator was killed and several wounded in clashes with police in the town of Podujevo and 2,000 students protested at the university campus in Pristina.

The renewed unrest demonstrated the persistence of nationalist sentiment in Kosovo, historically an autonomous province within the republic of Serbia, but which lost the main elements of its self-rule in March.

At least one million Serbs are expected to flock from all parts of Yugoslavia for festivities outside Kosovo's capital, Pristina, on June 28 to mark the 60th anniversary of a battle rooted in Serbian historical consciousness.

The battle of Kosovo Polje in 1389 was a comprehensive triumph for Turkish invaders over Serbian forces, and it resulted in the collapse of the medieval Serbian state.

But as Momcilo Trajkovic, the new Serbian leader of the Pristina Communist Party, said "we are not celebrating a defeat, but the fact that we managed to survive centuries of subsequent Turkish oppression."

For the 1.7 million ethnic Albanians who outnumber Serbs by about eight to one in Kosovo, there is little to celebrate.

On March 23, Kosovo's parliament adopted curbs on provincial autonomy, giving Serbia control of Kosovo's police, courts civil defence and official appointments. Emergency rule was imposed on Kosovo after the ensuing riots.

Twenty-two Albanians and two policemen were killed in the March clashes, scores were wounded and 900 Albanians were jailed. Forty-seven are still being held under house arrest or other forms of isolation, without being put on trial.

A curfew was imposed in March but was lifted on May 22. Trajkovic took advantage of the first curfew-free weekend to join old friends in celebrating the 20th anniversary of their high school graduation in his native village, Caglevica.

There were no Albanians at the celebration. The two races go separate ways from nursery to grave. They mingle only when their death notices are posted on trees on Pristina's main street, named after the late Yugoslav leader Josip Broz Tito. (Reuter-Pristina)

TODAY IN HISTORY

- 1560 — Mary of Guise, Queen Dowager of Scotland, dies.
- 1610 — First Dutch settlers in America land on Manhattan Island.
- 1719 — Holy Roman Emperor Charles VI expels Spaniards from Sicily.
- 1794 — Power of French revolutionary tribunals is increased, leading to mass executions.
- 1848 — Austrian forces are victorious at Vicenza in Italy against Sardinians.
- 1868 — Michael III, king of Serbia, is murdered, and is succeeded by Milan IV.
- 1891 — L. Starr Jameson becomes administrator of South Africa's company areas.
- 1898 — US marines invade Cuba in Spanish-American war.
- 1903 — King Alexander I and Queen Draga of Serbia are murdered.
- 1907 — Japan and France agree to preserve "open door" in China.
- 1917 — Sinn Fein riots break out in Dublin, Ireland.
- 1942 — German Gestapo kills male residents of Lidice, Czechoslovakia, in retaliation for assassination of a German official.
- 1967 — Israel agrees to United Nations cease-fire with Egypt, with Israel holding conquered territory four times its own size.
- 1970 — At least 100 persons are killed in fighting between government forces and guerrillas in Jordan.
- 1971 — United States lifts 21-year-old embargo on trade with China.
- 1973 — Fighting in South Vietnam gains momentum as each side jockeys for more territory under cease-fire agreement. Soviet Union announces stricter controls on movement of Americans in Moscow area.
- 1988 — Riot police in South Korea block thousands of students trying to march to North Korea for reunification talks.

China's tarnished image

Change of rules and mood in Cambodia

By Denis D. Gray

"NO MORE revolution," a communist government official shouts over the din of five American rock music. "And no more curfew. We can dance until morning."

Such comments, made to a Western journalist, would have been politically dangerous just a few months ago, and dancing 'til dawn impossible due to a curfew in the Cambodian capital that had run a decade.

But a series of major democratic reforms this year and efforts to end the civil war have changed the rules and the mood in Cambodia.

A hunger for consumer goods, a mini construction boom and dancing fever at Phnom Penh's growing number of nightclubs appear to be symptoms of hope that Cambodia's long agony is nearly over.

The freer speech seems to reflect a shift to liberalism among the motley mix of revolutionaries and technocrats who have run the country since the Vietnamese invasion 10 years ago.

Phnom Penh's central market, originally planned for state ownership, has opened as a haggling, colourful and prospering arena of free enterprise. Along Ok Nha Sou street, thousands of motorbikes which failed road inspection tests in Singapore have been brought here, repaired and snapped up by customers paying as much as 600 US dollars in gold.

A marked improvement is evident in residential buildings. Vice-mayor Roth Sarin cites a recent ordinance allowing private ownership of property in a city which has grown from a ghost town at the end of the Khmer Rouge era to 300,000 people in 1981 to nearly a million today.

Held by pragmatic, 38-year-old Prime Minister Hun Sen, the marxist government also has given farmers ownership of their land, declared Buddhism the state religion and abolished the death penalty. It has promised to allow opposition political parties, something which neighbouring Vietnam and most other communist countries still reject.

"If we (the Communist Party) lose in general elections, we will be ready to step aside. We are ready to play the democratic game," prominent newspaper editor Khieu Khanharith said in an interview. "How can one party pretend to represent all strata of society? How can a Leninist Party represent Buddhist monks?"

Change

Government officials say the impetus for change comes from many quarters.

Phnom Penh hopes its liberal posture will woo back resistance leader Prince Norodom Sihanouk and thereby gain international recognition and badly needed foreign aid. Return of the popular prince also would weaken the Khmer Rouge, with whom the one-time head of state is allied in a guerrilla war.

With Vietnam promising to pull out all its troops by Sept 30, the Phnom Penh leaders will need determined support from the population to face the still-potent Khmer Rouge alone. Communism, as Hun Sen has admitted, does not go well with most Cambodians; liberal reforms do.

The communist world also is changing, and war-weary Cambodia urgently needs to end its isolation and dire poverty by being flexible.

"If you stand up stubbornly to a strong wind you will be blown over," Foreign Ministry spokesman Chum Bun Rong said.

"The Cambodian problem is 70 per cent solved," declared another ministry official, echoing what some Western residents here believe is over-optimism.

Many Cambodians say they are elated that Sihanouk may return to Phnom Penh and paint a rosy picture of economic prosperity just around the corner.

But the peace process depends on the potentially explosive chemistry



Victims of the civil war in Cambodia: among the world's poorest nations, the "half war, half peace" of the past decade has affected Cambodia badly. (Reuter wirephoto)

of several parties, including the changeable Sihanouk, the hardline Khmer Rouge and its Chinese arms suppliers. Regarded as the most powerful anti-government group, the Khmer Rouge has been eerily quiet on the battlefields. Sihanouk recently predicted they would launch a major offensive this fall.

"People are enthusiastic about the changes Hun Sen is bringing, but we're still dead scared of the Khmer Rouge," said one businessman, reflecting the deep scars the Khmer Rouge inflicted during its 1975-79 rule.

Major economic hurdles also loom ahead.

Among the world's poorest nations, the "half war, half peace" of the past decade has prevented a regeneration of Cambodia's shattered infrastructure. Hui Lim, a senior Planning Ministry official, projected the country will not reach its 1970 per capita output of goods and services until the year 2000.

Uy Samnath of the Commerce Ministry said Cambodia imported 125 million dollars in goods last year, exports totalled only 30 million dollars. The economy survives, he said, on credits from the Soviet Union, barter trade and unofficial cross-border trade exchanges with Thailand.

But many here are convinced the economy — some 60 to 70 per cent

of it already in private hands — is slowly improving. A psychological boost is being provided by the growing number of Western aid agencies setting up offices in Phnom Penh and businessmen from Japan, Singapore, Hong Kong and Thailand coming to survey investment possibilities.

Anticipating the arrival of foreign companies — and higher salaries — thousands of people are taking English lessons in private homes in an area dubbed "the English quarter."

Loosening of restrictions also has led to more ostentatious display of wealth. Phnom Penh's moneyed class now can buy American cosmetics, French champagne, Thai beer and perhaps even a small Japanese car. Lavish wedding parties, a prime status symbol, average 200,000 riel (1,300 dollars), equivalent to 14 years of wages for an average civil servant.

Life affords few luxuries in the countryside, but Chea Kongo, a vice-director in the Agriculture Ministry, said the once-dangerous deficits of rice have been brought down to this year's manageable shortage of 50,000 tons.

More construction is also evident in rural areas where, contrary to guerrilla claims, most Western aid workers say the government has established considerable authority. (AP Phnom Penh)

Invisible 'Berlin Wall' between blacks, whites in S. Africa

By Laurinda Keys

CHANGES in apartheid laws are enabling South Africans to mix more freely across racial lines. But the new proximity of blacks and whites has done little to bridge a chasm of ignorance and cultural differences developed during decades of forced separation.

The phenomenon has been described as an invisible Berlin wall which keeps blacks and whites from communicating and understanding each other even though many now interact in ways that once were prohibited.

The government has moved from a policy of forcing apartheid on everyone to proposing creation of integrated residential areas for those who prefer them. However, it is committed to maintaining separate voter rolls and providing segregated neighborhoods, public schools and hospitals for whites who want them.

Apartheid laws which remain in effect deny the black majority of 28 million the right to vote on national affairs; assign them to underfunded schools with unqualified teachers and force most of them to live in impoverished rural homelands or underdeveloped, overcrowded urban townships. All municipal governments have power to prohibit blacks from using any public facility.

Legal

But legal revisions in recent years allow people of different races to use the same public toilets, libraries and elevators, stand in the same line at post offices and eat at the same restaurants.

Whites and blacks can dance and drink together, sit next to each other at theatres, picnic at the same parks and, in some instances, share trains, buses and beaches. They worship together at some churches and compete jointly on some soccer teams and running clubs. They can have an interracial love affair or marriage without fear of arrest.

Without enough money, blacks can send their children to interracial private schools and be treated at private, non-racial hospitals. If willing to break the law, they can live in certain "white" urban neighbourhoods with little chance of punishment or harassment.

Despite the changes, "the average South African wouldn't know how to mix across different groups. He wouldn't know what to say after he said, 'hello,'" said Bernard Chalmers, a white management consultant who conducts cross-cultural encounter groups for businesses, schools and churches.

Such encounters have become a fad as more people work and live next to someone whose culture they don't understand.

"Blacks find out whites are not really as rich as they think, and whites find out things like the black guy loves his children."

It's really at that level of finding the other human being is there," Chalmers said.

The Rev. Nico Smith, a white minister shunned by family and friends when he moved into the mameledi black township, belongs to a nationwide religious organization that brings blacks and whites together for meals, home visits and church services.

"Apartheid has been very successful," Smith said. In the church-sponsored encounter groups, "white people tell me, 'we discovered black people are ordinary people like we are. Just that one expression is an indication of the total alienation that developed over the years.'"

The chasm is so wide that black professionals often say they feel insulted and patronized, usually by well-meaning white colleagues who think they are reaching across the cultural divide.

"More dangerous than apartheid are the pseudo-liberals who are really saying, if you do things like me and come to be like me and take on my culture, I will accept you," said Gabriel Seitzman, a black professor of religion at the mostly white University of Cape Town.

Insulting

"All my life I have been among these people who are insulting me every day because they can only accept me when I speak their language and do things they want to be done," he said.

"I tell them at the university... how much of the African understanding of the being of life, of values, are coming into your curriculum, your articles, your relationships? Otherwise it means you have black

students at the university that you are making white."

Pearl Ndu, a black marketing manager for a black magazine, Africa Now, said, "I do make friends with white people, especially now that people are trying hard to reach out. But some people end up being too patronizing. We (blacks) are also very suspicious of them. We think they don't really mean it. But eventually you learn to recognize the good people."

More businesses are recognizing they must rely on the growing black labour force to fill supervisory, professional and technical positions, and that the black majority is their primary market.

Daniel Pholo, the black manager of social programmes for Makro Wholesale Stores, said his company has a programme to promote black managers. He instructs white supervisors about black employees' different needs, such as more bereavement time for lengthy mourning rituals.

But black and white Makro employees seldom visit each other on weekends, he said, because blacks have transport to white suburbs, and "whites are scared to go into black townships."

Blacks and whites get to know each other most easily as next-door neighbours, said John Kane-Berman, head of the independent South African Institute of Race Relations. He said an estimated 100,000 to 200,000 blacks live illegally in white neighborhoods.

The government seldom enforces the residential segregation law in most of the mixed areas, Kane-Berman says, whites are either apathetic or enthusiastic about their black, Indian or mixed-race neighbors.

There have been a couple of ugly incidents," he said, "but because the opposition has in fact been pretty small, the government has been able to turn a blind eye to it."

"Social contact across the colour line is the rule now, rather than the exception," Kane-Berman said. "In the process of economic integration, people are just discovering that when you actually meet people (of another race) they are not as terrible as you were brainwashed into believing." (AP — Johannesburg)

Ethiopia makes overtures to the West

Marxist regime turns on the charm

By E. A. Wayne

ON the ropes militarily, economically, and diplomatically, the Marxist regime in Ethiopia is reaching out to the West.

President Mengistu Haile Mariam's government "is on the run like never before and seems to be on an irreversible downward slide," says Paul Henze, a specialist on the Horn of Africa at the Rand Corporation, a Santa Monica, Calif.-based think-tank.

But as Mengistu tries to rally support, there is debate in Washington over whether the US should be forthcoming toward a government that has one of the world's worst human rights records, and which is not yet repentant, says US officials, congressional aides and private specialists.

Ethiopia-watchers here agree the regime is weakened, though they disagree on the chances of its crumbling soon. Some, such as Michael Johns of the Heritage Foundation, think it could crack in the months ahead. Others say it still has "plenty of capability to do harm," as one government analyst puts it.

All agree the Mengistu government has recently suffered stunning military defeats at the hands of Marxist rebel movements in Tigre and Eritrea provinces. "The Army isn't fighting and the people are tired of war," says a specialist recently returned from

the region. "They've suffered too much."

Ethiopia's Soviet patrons are pushing the government toward economic and political reform, but are meeting resistance from a regime still touting a Stalinist approach.

Moscow is also hinting that new military aid may not be as forthcoming after the current agreement runs out next year. But US specialists within and without the US government disagree on how far Moscow is willing to push its ally.

"The Soviets have tolerated and endorsed every excess" by giving Mengistu more than \$11 billion of military aid since 1977, Henze says. "Now they recognise that they have reached a dead-end, and they are trying to pressure a very stubborn regime to make concessions." But there is no clear evidence of a reduced arms flow, nor any sign that Moscow will sever its deep ties with the regime, he said.

Diversity

Ethiopia is seeking to diversify its military supply relationships through overtures to North Korea, Israel and others, according to US officials and congressional aides.

President Mengistu has also made a number of overtures to the US and other potential Western donors and investors. But US officials say the others, without the US, are reluctant to get

too involved in what is probably the world's poorest country. So Mengistu has been forced on the charm.

In February, the Ethiopian government asked the US to allow it to send an ambassador to its embassy here after nine years of lower-level representation. President Mengistu has also visited with the message of wanting better relations. Former President Jimmy Carter was his most recent guest last month.

The Bush administration has not yet decided how to respond and is in no hurry to do so, US officials say. "The US is not particularly eager to normalise relations (because) we don't think this particular leopard can change his spots," a high-ranking administration official says.

He and others say the Mengistu regime must stop "brutalising" its people, end the forced movement of peasants, reform its Stalinist economic and agricultural policies, and show an interest in finding a negotiated end to the Tigre and Eritrea rebellions before US-Ethiopian relations can boom. In the interim, they say, the US is quite happy to have frank talks with the Ethiopians about needed changes.

Animosity in Washington toward the Mengistu regime stretches from the congressional Black Caucus to the conservative

right because of its "bloodthirsty" practices and abysmal human rights record, says Pauline Baker, an Africa-watcher with the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. Not surprisingly, the overwhelming reaction to Ethiopia's overtures is "to let the regime twist in the wind and let Moscow pick up the bill," a congressional aide says.

Gain

A few observers suggest the US might have something to gain by limited responses to Ethiopian overtures — as long as Washington makes clear it is in no way endorsing practices under Mengistu.

US Rep. Mickey Leland (D) of Texas, who recently visited the region, supports an exchange of ambassadors. He sees this as a way of increasing US leverage, expanding its diplomatic presence, and endorsing a regime by exchanging ambassadors," he says. "We have an ambassador in Moscow and we don't endorse that regime."

Johns, at the right-of-centre Heritage Foundation, argues for a complete rebuff of Mengistu's overtures. Mengistu is responsible for "a state-sponsored holocaust which contributed to the death of over one million people," Johns says.

(The Christian Science Monitor)

Letters to the editor

Ambassador's termination shocks Filipino community

SIR: The abrupt termination of Dr. Glang, the Philippines Ambassador to Kuwait, has brought a sense of shock to the Filipino community and to the people who happen to know the ambassador personally. Besides the fact that the unceremonious and crude manner of the ambassador's dismissal seems unlawful and an act of outrageous bureaucratic authority, there are other formidable reasons why the ambassador must stay.

Dr. Glang has been a scholar, a professor at university and an ambassador who brought a new notion of diplomatic accountability, service and accessibility to the citizens of the Philippines in this country.

Contrary to the established norms of diplomatic missions where ambassadors are available only through hard-earned appointments and constraints on time, Dr. Glang made his staff and himself accessible to the public in a demeanor compatible only to the modern, neotactic democratic demands of the people at large. In this manner, he truly represents the democratic revolutionary aspect of President Aquino's government.

The President, herself, should be made aware, through

the efforts of the Filipino community and other well-wishers in Kuwait, that if the ambassador has been victimized by bureaucratic tyranny, then the President must restore Dr. Glang's ambassadorship in Kuwait with full dignity and rescind the termination orders.

We must keep in mind that Dr. Glang is a Muslim who represents the Muslim minorities in the Philippines. And, as a scholar of Islam, he has a reservoir of knowledge on Islamic political thought and on the problems of the Muslim minorities in his country. Not only can academia learn from him, but he is potentially the most credible source on Islamic and Muslim issues in the Philippines for the Organisation of the Islamic Conference.

Dr. Glang is not a traditionally-styled envoy. He truly represents the democratic emphatic direction of President Aquino's government. The President, therefore, must consider the linkage between this man and the on-going broader profound dimensions of the democratic process of her revolution.

Dr. Halder Mehdi, Shuwaik Campus, Kuwait University.

BUSINESS & FINANCE

Sheikh Ali sees demand for oil rising

Kuwait pledges some output cuts

VIENNA, June 9, (Agencies): Kuwait's Oil Minister Sheikh Ali Al Khalifa left here for home today after taking part in OPEC mid-year conference.

Kuwait made clear yesterday it was boycotting OPEC's new oil output quota system but pledged some cuts in production to help the organisation defend prices.

Prices steadied yesterday after a sharp fall on Wednesday when OPEC oil ministers clinched the deal setting new quotas to which Kuwait and another of the group's 13 members, the United Arab Emirates, said they would not be bound.

They wanted much bigger quotas.

Sheikh Ali confirmed his country's position at a news conference yesterday but added that "we will use that freedom very, very responsibly."

He then said he would act quickly to cut Kuwait's output to 1.35 million barrels daily. That is above its newly assigned quota of 1.09 million but a drop from the 1.9 million which industry sources say it pumped in May.

The UAE Minister, Mana Said Al Oteiba, has been saying that his country is "showing res-

traint". The UAE is producing about half a million barrels more than OPEC rules would permit.

The short-term hope of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries yesterday was that inevitable "leakage" on its new ceiling on overall output, to be set at 19.5 million barrels daily, would thus be kept within limits.

Ministers portrayed the deal was a stop-gap measure pending further efforts to reallocate quotas in the autumn.

Sheikh Ali said he was as concerned as anyone that prices would not tumble. An OPEC free-for-all last autumn took them down almost to \$10 per barrel, whereas better — if far from perfect — supply discipline this year has lifted them to an 18 to \$20 range.

On Wednesday, 80 cents was knocked from US July crude oil futures after news of the OPEC agreement. In early trading yesterday, benchmark West Texas Intermediate crude oil was lower by just a few cents around \$19.60 per barrel.

"We do not want oil prices to drop," Sheikh Ali said. "I do not envision falling to \$10 again.

Even if it happened it would be extremely temporary."

The International Energy Agency, the West's Paris-based energy watchdog, sees demand for oil from OPEC rising almost to 21 million barrels daily in the second half of the year. Sheikh Ali saw even higher future demand.

And oil traders monitoring the OPEC meeting which ended in Vienna on Wednesday said that, by setting its ceiling for the second half of the year as low as 19.5 million, the organisation had clearly allowed for Kuwaiti and UAE excess.

OPEC, therefore, may avoid a price crash.

But Wednesday's Vienna accord showed the underlying flaw in the organisation's quota system which is that it has yet to find any objective way to allocate individual nations' output limits.

Sheikh Ali told his news conference he simply could not fill his world refining network and please long-term customers if he had to produce less oil, adding that his case was fair and that "we have sacrificed enough."

In the OPEC talks, however, others refused to concede their

percentage share of OPEC's market to accommodate Kuwait and the UAE.

"We want to approach matching supply to demand in a scientific way," Sheikh Ali said, explaining that further OPEC talks in Paris on September 22 would make another attempt to get a fairer distribution of quotas.

OPEC, however, tried and failed at a 1986 meeting which lasted three weeks to set new quotas on the basis of such objective criteria as population, oil reserves and historic output levels.

Ministers gave up when it became apparent that, at the end, someone would have to concede market share.

Sheikh Ali said he thought gradually rising demand for oil would make it easier to accommodate OPEC sellers' needs and that "pressures on OPEC unity will start to disappear."

Market analysts say it is an open question, however, whether demand will grow fast enough to prevent further difficulties as Iraq and Iran, hungry for revenue, rebuild production capacity after their Gulf

war.

Meanwhile, Sheikh Ali said: "I will not go back to the agreement until I am given a quota that is satisfactory to us."

OPEC only succeeded in getting Iraq back into its quota system last November. Iraq stayed out for two years because it could not get a quota as big as Iran's.

Now, two nations — Kuwait and the UAE — are effectively out of the system. Meanwhile Libya insists on formal quota parity with Kuwait.

Kuwait was given a quota of 1,097,000 barrels, compared to its old quota of 1,037,000 barrels which expires June 30. Kuwait had been asking for a special increase of about 300,000 barrels a day to be able to meet its obligations in feeding domestic refineries as well as refineries it operates abroad. Its output in recent weeks has been well above its quota.

Referring to the new quota, Sheikh Ali told a local daily: "We feel that we are not under obligation to accept this share," he said. Sheikh Ali however said that his country would respect other provisions of Wednesday's accord.



Kuwait's Oil Minister Sheikh Ali Al Khalifa answers questions at OPEC ministerial meeting held in Vienna. (Reuters wirephoto)

New output quotas

Communique at a glance

VIENNA, June 9, (UPI): Main points of the communique issued by the 13 OPEC oil ministers after their 3-day mid-year conference:

- The conference noted with satisfaction the generally firming trend in oil prices in the world market, which was the result, amongst other things, of member countries' restricted production policies.
- Furthermore, the conference noted that the general increase in world demand for oil, and hence for OPEC oil, is also among the forces behind the strength of the oil price structure.
- For this reason, and after having examined the supply-demand outlook for the second half of the year, the conference agreed that the reference price of the OPEC crude basket is \$18 per barrel.
- Accordingly, the conference decided to increase the OPEC production ceiling from 18.5 million barrels per day to 19.5 MBD during the second half-year, and to distribute the increase among member countries on a pro rata basis.
- The conference reaffirmed member countries' commitment to abide by and strictly adhere to the production quotas as defined.
- The conference also decided that the 8-minister

monitoring committee will meet in September, 1989, with a mandate by the conference to review the market, and if it is found that demand warrants an increase in the ceiling, then this can be raised to 20 MBD or any other level agreed upon, starting from October 1, 1989.

- This committee shall also prepare long-term strategy, including the allocation of permanent quotas and the restructuring of the organisation's secretariat, to be presented to the conference.
- The other members of the organisation will also attend this meeting.

Members were accorded these following individual million-barrel-per-day quotas within the 19.5 MBD ceiling: Algeria 733,000, Ecuador 242,000, Gabon 175,000, Indonesia 1,037,000, Iran 2,783,000, Iraq 2,783,000, Kuwait 1,093,000, Libya 1,093,000, Nigeria 1,428,000, Qatar 329,000, Saudi Arabia 4,769,000, UAE 1,041,000, Venezuela 1,724,000.

The communique concluded by saying a "high-level" group would continue dialogue with non-OPEC oil producers and that the next ordinary OPEC ministerial conference would be convened in Vienna on Nov 25.

Oil deal is in itself satisfying: Norway

OPEC to continue co-operation with non-OPEC

OSLO, June 9, (Agencies): Norwegian Oil Minister Arne Oeien said yesterday he was "very satisfied" with OPEC's agreement in Vienna aimed at stabilising world oil prices.

Oeien said he saw no reason why Norway — which is not an OPEC member — would not extend its current oil production curbs, but added that this had to be decided by the government.

Since February 1987 Norway, Western Europe's biggest oil producer after Britain, has implemented a 7.5 per cent voluntary curb in planned production growth which has been renewed on a six-monthly basis.

"I see no reason why Norway will not extend its 7.5 per cent curbs," Oeien told Reuters in a

telephone interview. "The government should come to a decision on the question within a few weeks," he added.

"This deal is in itself very satisfying," Oeien said.

OPEC has agreed to raise its output ceiling to 19.5 million barrels per day (BPD) for the rest of the year, up from 18.5 million BPD. "But the major question is how well OPEC sticks to the deal," Oeien added.

When asked whether Norway might drop its production curbs should OPEC boost its output quota at a planned meeting in September, he said: "That has to be decided. When we get to best about it. It depends how much increase they are talking of."

Norway pumped more than

1.5 million BPD in April. Despite the curb in planned production growth, Norway has seen a recent increase in oil output as several new North Sea fields have come on stream.

OPEC will continue to talk to non-OPEC oil producing countries and expects that co-operation between the two groups will continue as the second half of the year gets underway.

This was stated by OPEC conference president Aliji Rilwanu Lukman at a press conference held at the end of the 85th OPEC oil ministers' conference in Vienna, Wednesday evening.

Lukman, who is Nigerian Petroleum Resources Minister, said in answer to a question that the eight-member OPEC mon-

itoring committee had been asked to look into the question of permanent production quotas — which he described as a "long-standing one" — and the OPEC secretariat had been directed to prepare a working paper on the subject for consideration by the committee when it meets in September. Subsequently, a report based on these findings will be submitted to the full OPEC conference, scheduled for November.

He said that OPEC today was in a "more comfortable" situation than some months ago and he did not foresee any problems on the horizon.

Lukman said OPEC would adjust its ceiling according to the perceived demand. He added that the 19.5 million BPD output

figure adopted for the second half of the year was well below what "even the most pessimistic" analysts were saying the demand was.

Asked if there was any difference between the OPEC target price and the reference price of \$18 per barrel, he replied "you tell me," adding that there had to be a specific figure, which, he repeated was \$18 a barrel.

He said the new production agreement, an increase of one million BPD over the current one, had been signed by all 13 countries "without reservations."

Asked if the United Arab Emirates would be providing its production figures to the OPEC secretariat from now, he replied, "everybody is going to do that."

Interest rates freeze on Third World loans urged

Sheikh Salem in UK

LONDON, June 9, (KUNA): Leading world countries have started to grasp the need for co-operation to resolve the international debt crisis, according to Governor of Kuwait Central Bank Sheikh Salem Abdul Aziz Al Sabah, today.

Sheikh Salem told the annual meeting of the governors of key world central banks organised by the Bank of England that leading credit nations have, as of late, started to adopt more practical and realistic positions on reducing foreign debts of Third World nations.

He added that most debt relief initiatives including the Brady plan of last March focused on debts owed to commercial banks.

But he stressed that HH the Amir of Kuwait Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmed Al Sabah had proposed before the United Nations last September resolving the official debts accounting for 40 per cent of the total debts of poorest nations.

Sheikh Salem pointed out that diminished commercial lending to these poorest indebted countries has increased the ratio of their official debts.

He recalled that the Amir had stated Kuwait's readiness to take part in an international conference of creditor nations to hammer out an agreement on resolving the official debts.

Sheikh Salem urged a freeze on interest from loans and a debt rescheduling programme that takes into account requirements for development of debtor countries.

Relief of official debts and interest writeoffs based on the conditions of each debtor nation are key features of the Kuwaiti proposals, Sheikh Salem went on.

Turning to other international economic developments, Sheikh Salem spoke of the positive elements of world economic indicators including good growth rates.

The Bank of England had invited the governors of central banks of some countries including Canada, Iceland, New Zealand, Cyprus and Kuwait to take part in the one-day gathering.

Inflation still a problem for US Dollar surges, gold eases

LONDON, June 9, (Reuters): The dollar surged in Europe today to close above two West German marks after US data hinted that inflation was still a problem for the world's largest economy.

It was the first time the dollar had touched that level in almost two weeks and dealers said the outlook was for the currency to stay strong for the time being.

The US Labour Department in Washington said the producer price index for finished goods, which measures prices paid by wholesalers, rose by 0.9 per cent in May.

That was a much sharper rise than the 0.4 per cent which independent economists had been predicting. In April the PPI had risen 0.4 per cent.

The figures seemed to mark the temporary end of a trend in the United States, supported by the Federal Reserve Central Bank, towards lower domestic interest rates.

Relatively high rates so far this year have made dollar-denominated assets more attractive and thus increased demand for the currency and pushed its value higher.

The dollar was already being underpinned this week by invest-

mentors worried about the turmoil in China and seeking a "safe haven" for their cash.

"The producer prices mean we shouldn't expect the Fed to let interest rates ease," said Werner Bauer, chief dealer at Bankhaus Bethmann. "And with support still coming from China, that means the dollar will remain strong for the time being."

The dollar shot through two marks and 145 Japanese yen shortly after the PPI data was released at 1230 GMT and closed in London at 2.0055 marks 146.30 yen.

On Thursday it finished at 1.9775 marks and 143.30 yen.

The dollar last closed above two marks in London on May 30.

Gold eased in London in the face of the dollar's strength and closed at \$368.25 an ounce, well down from Thursday's finish of 373.75.

Earlier in Asian trading, the Bank of Japan had intervened repeatedly in the open market to bolster the yen which has shown itself vulnerable to the crisis in China.

"The yen is the most pressured of the major currencies at the moment," said Tetsuya Tonokake, a dealer at Sumitomo Bank. In stock markets, London's

FTSE index of 100 blue chip shares ended a see-saw day just 1.3 points down at 2,142.1.

Dealers said the market was consolidating after a 25.5-point rise on Thursday.

US stocks were little changed with Wall Street's Dow Jones industrial average 9.01 points lower at 2,507.90 by midday in New York.

Tokyo prices had earlier closed mixed with the Nikkei Average down 78.31 points at 33,639.98.

Hong Kong, which had plunged earlier in the week after the outbreak of violence in Peking, rose after news that hardline Chinese premier had appeared on television. Previously there had been much confusion about who was at the helm in China.

"The market always looks for stability rather than uncertainty," one broker in Hong Kong said.

The Hang Seng index ended 43.72 points up at 2,268.38.

Oil prices were a shade firmer in sluggish European trade, brokers said. North Sea Brent blend, the international market crude, was quoted towards the close in London around \$17.60 a barrel for July loading against 17.30 on Thursday.

Worst of petrol price rise may be over

LONDON, June 9, (Reuters): Europe's drivers, hit by a series of sharp rises in petrol prices this spring, may now be able to look forward to cheaper summer motoring, oil traders say.

As many prepare for long-distance road holidays, prices are falling at petrol pumps in West Germany, France, Switzerland and the Netherlands and energy analysts think further rises are unlikely for the time being.

The main exception has been Britain, where one source with a major British oil company cited the pound sterling's decline against the dollar as one reason for not cutting pump prices.

Trade sources say prices on the influential Amsterdam-Rotterdam-Antwerp oil spot market — where oil companies and traders go to top up supplies — have tumbled to around \$18 a barrel from a four-year peak in late April of around \$22.

Oil companies passed the early spring increase on to their customers by raising pump prices.

Traders say spot petrol markets jumped partly because of higher crude oil prices after signs of growing unity among OPEC oil producers, the Exxon Valdez tanker oil spill off Alaska, and a string of supply disruptions in Britain's North Sea.

Retail prices are now falling again after highs in early May.

"Petrol prices are stable with a sinking tendency, despite the strong dollar," said Eric Zanetti, spokesman for Shell (Switzerland) Zurich.

He said Rotterdam spot market prices were stable but that given the market's volatility, it was not possible to look further than a week or two ahead.

Some industry sources were reluctant to forecast the summer price trend. "It seems stable at moment, but the rising dollar cannot help things any," a spokesman for one oil company said.

Drum drivers may have to pay more if an environmental protection programme unveiled on May 25 comes into force.

In Britain, prices at the pump have not fallen but have stabilised at around 43 pence (68 cents), a litre for leaded super grade, up from 37.5 pence (59 cents) in January.

Shaky pact seen creating bigger problems later

Members must comply with their quota: Mexico

TOKYO, June 9, (Reuters): An OPEC agreement signed in Vienna on Wednesday is merely a weak, temporary compromise which will make the oil group's next attempt to share out production quotas even harder, Far East oil experts said.

The accord failed to satisfy demands of Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) for a larger share of output this time and when the group meets later this year it will also face demands from Iraq and Iran for bigger quotas, they said.

Crude oil prices plunged more than 60 cents a barrel on Wednesday after the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) agreed to raise its widely-flouted production ceiling by one million barrels per day (BPD) to 19.5 million BPD from July, with additional quotas allocated pro rata.

Kuwait signed the agreement with reservations.

Oil Minister Sheikh Ali Al Khalifa said in remarks published yesterday that Kuwait was not bound by its 1.09 million BPD production quota.

"We feel we are not required to accept this share," he was quoted as saying by a local daily.

Oil prices in Tokyo shed another 15 cents on the report.

Most oil industry sources in Tokyo said they didn't consider that OPEC had actually achieved any agreement.

"OPEC didn't reach a firm commitment on the production quota and individual country's allocations," said Masaru Kai, a deputy general manager at Nippon Oil Company.

Total OPEC output in May was estimated at 21 million BPD, 1.5 million BPD over the ceiling, and Wednesday's OPEC agreement is not likely to have much impact on this level of production.

Oil traders said the market's dissatisfaction with the outcome of this week's OPEC talks could cause prices to drop further in the short-term, but the level of demand in the next three months will probably sustain prices near yesterday's levels.

"Demand will be slightly less than 21 million BPD in the third quarter so the market price will not improve quickly, but it will not decline sharply," Tashiro said.

Nippon Oil's Kai said he also saw a slight over-supply in the third quarter but expected the price of a barrel of crude from the Middle East would average between \$15 and 16.

The deal OPEC signed on Wednesday retained a reference price of \$18 a barrel for the next six months.

Cargoes of Dubai, the benchmark Middle East crude, are currently trading at around \$15.50.

Japanese oil industry sources yesterday expected the agreement of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries yesterday on the increase of production ceiling will be of little impact on prices.

An official in a Japanese oil company said that the agreement goes in accordance with the current international demand on the crude oil, ruling out the possibility of increasing the prices more than its current level.

Energy futures prices plunge

NEW YORK, June 9, (AP): Petroleum futures prices skidded yesterday despite OPEC's decision to restrain crude oil production more than the market had expected.

The contract for July delivery of West Texas Intermediate, the benchmark grade of US crude oil, dropped 79 cents to \$19.67 a 42-gallon barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange, following Tuesday's decline of 6 cents.

The selloff was most severe in the wholesale home heating oil pits. The July contract for No. 2 heating oil settled at 48.71 cents a gallon, a loss of 2.29 cents on the day.

Among other refined petroleum products traded on the exchange, unleaded gasoline for July delivery fell 1.60 cents to 63.34 cents a gallon. One gallon equals 3.8 litres.

Madison Galbraith, an energy specialist with Merrill Lynch energy futures, said the market reacted sceptically to the agreement announced by the 13-nation Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries.

The organisation's ministers, meeting in Vienna, decided to raise OPEC's production ceiling to 19.5 million barrels a day for the July to December period. The current output cap of 18.5 million barrels daily expires at the end of this month.

The market initially displayed some strength when it was announced that the new OPEC production ceiling was lower than the 20 million to 21 million barrels a day some analysts had anticipated.

Banker predicts economic fallout

Turmoil in China

HONG KONG, June 9, (AP): The general manager of Hong Kong's largest bank today predicted economic troubles ahead for the British colony because of turmoil in China.

Paul Selway-Swift, of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corp., told the Associated Press that bank loans to private industry are likely to drop off significantly.

He also said that the rate of growth of exports of primary materials from China to Hong Kong will be directly affected if China's southern Guangdong province is caught up in the upheaval because much of its manufacturing is carried out there. He predicted the rate would fall to 10 per cent this year, compared with the earlier government forecast of 18 per cent.

"Hong Kong has always been looked at more and more as a service centre for southern China," he said. "If the area you are servicing is in some turmoil, well, then, it's hard to say what will happen."

The upheaval in China already has dealt a serious blow to the local stock exchange and badly shaken confidence in the property market.

The territory is scheduled to revert to Chinese rule in 1997 under the terms of an agreement between the Chinese and British governments signed in 1984.

Hong Kong gov. Sir David Wilson held talks on Thursday in London with Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and asked that the people of Hong Kong be granted the right to settle in Britain. Mrs Thatcher rejected that as "a matter of great political difficulty," Wilson said.

In a television interview in Hong Kong today, the leader of Britain's Liberal and Social Democrats, Paddy Ashdown, said London should give the right to abode to all Hong Kong citizens.

He said all Hong Kong people should have "a sanctuary of last resort," perhaps under an international agreement.

"I don't say that it is immediately practical," he said. "But I do believe that Britain has a moral responsibility to take the lead in this issue."

Martin Lee, an outspoken supporter of the pro-democracy movement in China, also called for reconsideration of the agreement on turning Hong Kong back to Chinese rule.

"What concerns me most is whether or not the Sino-British agreement signed in 1984 would enable the British government to deliver Hong Kong to China on the first of July 1997 as a thriving international city because that must be the primary objective behind that agreement," Lee said.

WORLD STOCK MARKETS

ARAB TIMES, SATURDAY, JUNE 10, 1989

LONDON
(Alpha Stocks)

NAME	LAST	250/0
ABBIE LFE	276/0	
ADT LTD	181/0	
ALD LYONS	432/0	
AMSTRAD	83/0	
ARGYLL GP	209/0	
ASDA GP	170/0	
BAA	358/0	
BTR	373/0	
BAT INDS	628/0	
BARCLAYS	459/0	
BASS	967/0	
BEAZER	90/1	
BEECHAMS	624/0	
BERISFORD	148/4	
BICC PLC	515/0	
BLUE ARROW	97/00	
BLUE CIRC	565/0	
BUC GP	478/0	
BOOTS CO	292/0	
BRP INDS	241/0	
BR COM	174/0	
BR KAYWAY	198/4	
BR AEROSP	682/0	
BR GAS RE	185/0	
BR LAND	351/0	
B.P.	290/0	
BR STEEL	87/6	
BR TELCOM	276/0	
BUNZL	147/0	
BURMAN OL	592/0	
BURTON	215/0	
CABLEWIR	473/0	
CADBURYS	356/0	
CALOR GRP	392/0	
CLRTN COM	861/0	
COATS VV	159/0	
COOKSONS	331/4	
COULTAULD	336/0	
DALGETY	354/0	
DIXONS	151/0	
ENG CHINA	458/0	
ENTER OIL	537/0	
FISONS	97/0	
FERRANTI	97/0	
GATEWAY	210/0	
GEN ACCID	935/0	
GEN ELEC	235/0	
GLAXO	353/0	
GRANADA	341/0	
GLOBE	176/0	
GLYNED	295/0	
GUARD RYL	199/0	
GKNL	397/0	
GUINNESS	507/0	
HMMERS A	792/0	
HANSON	199/0	
HARRISON C	168/0	
HUKER SID	710/0	
HILLSDOWN	279/0	

LONDON
(Beta Stocks)

NAME	CLOSE	OPEN
2ND ALLCE	925/0	925/0
600 GROUP	139/0	139/0
A.AMER TS	448/0	448/0
A.B.ELECT	379/0	379/0
A.S.W.HLD	277/0	277/0
AAB KENT	124/0	124/0
AAB HLD	395/0	395/0
AARONSON	103/0	102/0
ADDITION	44.5	43.5
ADVEST	177/0	176/0
ALEX WROX	201/0	203/0
ALEXON	386/0	386/0
ALLD COLL	149/0	149/0
ALLD IR N	155/0	153/0
ALLD LDM	148/0	148/0
ALLD PART	71/4	72/0
ALLD TEXT	381/0	381/0
ALLIANCE	047/0	047/0
AMBER DAY	51/4	51/4
AMEC	488/0	490/0
AMER TST	151/4	152/0
AMERSHARG	493/0	494/0
ANI HLTHC	380/0	382/0
ANGLIA SC	193/0	198/0
ANGLIA TV	268/0	267/0
ANSBACHER	76/0	76/0
APPLYDAY	170/4	173/0
APV PLC	145/0	146/0
ASHLEY LA	103/0	102/0
ASU REE A	246/0	247/0
AUST REED	388/0	391/0
AUTO SECS	291/0	291/0
AVESCO	150/0	151/0
AVIS EUR	407/0	407/0
AVON RUBB	597/0	598/0
B.MENMILL	257/0	257/0
BAILL JAP	515/4	518/0
BAILL SHI	93/0	93/0
BALIND WRE	243/0	243/0
BANK IRE	290/0	289/0
BANKER IT	70/4	91/0
BARDON GP	200/0	200/0
BART DEV	186/0	185/0
BAYNES C	35/0	35/0
BBA GROUP	198/0	199/0
BEAR BRND	11/4	11/4
BEATTIE J	146/0	147/0
BELHAVEN	52/4	54/0
BELLWAY	246/0	248/0
BENROSE	61/0	61/0
BERKELEY	198/0	199/0
BHH GROUP	130/0	130/0
BLK OF SCO	92/0	93/0
BLK LE 2	10/0	10/0
BM GROUP	480/0	478/0
BUNNETT + F	86/0	87/0
BOASE HAS	368/0	362/0
BOODINGTON	164/0	165/0
BODY SHOP	673/0	670/0

INDEX	LATEST	1/PREV-DAYS/2	PREV-OR	PREV-YR
FT 300	1775.7	1775.0	1773.0	1455.3
FT 500 SHR	1222.1	1221.9	1210.2	1008.8
FT ALL SHR	101.84	102.24	1091.69	1076.15
FT GOV SEC	84.80	84.96	84.59	87.30
FT GOLD MN	189.5	190.2	190.1	161.9
FT MINES F	621.97	625.93	611.15	635.25
FT OIL	204.59	250.9	227.6	1978.9
FT MID	142.39	142.38	141.17	139.21
FT MID STG	134.20	133.43	133.35	115.30
FT MID LCG	136.94	136.37	135.63	129.77

World Indices

London Stock Market Report

U.K. STOCKS EASIER AND VOLATILE AFTER PPI DATA

AFTERNOON IN VOLATILE TRADE AFTER A MUCH LARGER THAN EXPECTED GAIN IN MAY U.S. PRODUCER PRICES SENT THE DOLLAR CLIMBING AND QUASHED HOPES OF A NEAR TERM CUT IN INTEREST RATES THERE.

THE 0.9 PCT RISE IN PRODUCER PRICES COMPARED TO FORECASTS OF NEARER 0.4 PCT BUT WALL STREET HELD UP REMARKABLY WELL, DEALER SAID. "WALL STREET'S RESILIENCE STEADIED THE MARKET'S NERVES BUT CAUTION IS EVEN GREATER NOW AHEAD OF NEXT WEEK'S STOCK OF ECONOMIC DATA," SAID ONE. BY 1449 GMT THE FTSE 100 WAS 0.2 UP AT 2143.6 AFTER A LOW OF 2133.2 AND A HIGH OF 2154.3.

DEALERS SAID RUMOURS OVER THE FUTURE OF BROKER JAMES CAPEL WERE ALSO TROUBLING THE MARKET. THERE WAS SOME SPECULATION THIS MORNING THAT CAPEL'S OWNERS, HONG KONG AND SHANGHAI BANK, WERE CONSIDERING SELLING THE GROUP, POSSIBLY TO A JAPANESE BANK OR SECURITIES HOUSE.

CAPEL'S CHAIRMAN PETER QUINN DENIED THE COMPANY WAS BEING SOLD BUT DID TELL REUTERS A REVIEW OF ITS OPERATING COSTS CURRENTLY UNDERWAY COULD RESULT IN AN UNDETERMINED NUMBER OF LAYOFFS. HE PUT THE RUMOURS DOWN TO YESTERDAY'S SALE OF HANSON'S 5.1 PCT STAKE IN MIDLAND BANK. THE ASIAN BANK OWNS 14.9 PCT OF MIDLAND AND IS BELIEVED TO BE INTERESTED IN A FULL BID.

London Gold

LONDON, JUNE 9, REUTER - GOLD BULLION CLOSED TRADING AROUND THE DAY'S LOWS FOLLOWING THE UNEXPECTED 0.9 PCT RISE IN THE MAY U.S. PRODUCER PRICES WHICH STRENGTHENED THE DOLLAR.

GOLD CLOSED AT 368.00/368.50 DLRs AN Ounce COMPARED WITH ITS AFTERNOON FIX OF 368.25 AND THURSDAY'S 375.00/374.00 DLR CLOSE.

DEALERS SAID THE MARKET WAS ALSO INFLUENCED BY LOSSES ON COMEX LATE THURSDAY AND AGAIN TODAY.

TRADING WAS DESCRIBED AS ACTIVE THIS AFTERNOON WITH GOOD TWO WAY BUSINESS EVIDENT. AFTER BREAKING BELOW SUPPORT AT 372 DLRs SOME CHARTISTS ARE NOW TARGETING 360 DLRs.

London Money Market

LONDON, JUNE 9, REUTER - AN UNEXPECTEDLY SHARP RISE IN U.S. PRODUCER PRICES LAST MONDAY RETURNED THE SPOTLIGHT TO INTERNATIONAL INFLATIONARY PRESSURES AND PUSHED MONEY MARKET RATES HIGHER, DEALERS SAID.

THE KEY THREE-MONTH INTERBANK ENDED 1/8 POINT UP AT 14-1/8 PCT AGAINST 14-13-15/16.

THE PRODUCER PRICE INDEX ROSE 0.9 PCT IN MAY, TWICE THE FORECAST RISE, TO GIVE AN ANNUAL, UNADJUSTED RATE OF INCREASE OF 6.2 PCT.

SHORT STERLING FUTURES FELL SHARPLY, WITH THE SEPTEMBER CONTRACT ENDING 13 BASIS POINT DOWN AT 85.92.

Foreign Exchange

DLR	STG	DMK	FFR	OPG
STG 1.5610/20	1.5635/45	1.9920/50	6.7390/20	6010
DMK 1.9860/9940	3.099/113	3.1070/105	10.5250/290	6010
FFR 6.7395/7515	10.5305/5485	338.88/39.52	29.41/57	FIX
SFR 1.2643/7255	2.6937/6970	86.66/75	25.57/62	NOON
NFL 2.2410	3.5010	1.12/66	33.195	FIX
ECU 1.04363	0.667285	2.07454	7.03670	CLSE
SDR 1.24556	0.791334	2.45799	8.33778	CLSE
YEN 144.70/80	226.02/33			NOON
SDR RATE	08/06/1989	OTHERS	09/06/1989	

BOOTHENR	510/0	513/0
BORTHWICK	39/0	40/0
BR ARROW	114/0	115/0
BR ASSETS	78/0	78/0
BR DREDDI	173/0	174/0
BR VITA	267/0	267/0
BRENT CHE	147/0	146/0
BRENT WKR	382/0	382/0
BRIDON	209/0	209/0
BRITAIN SE	165/0	165/0
BRITANNIC	429/0	429/0
BRIXTON E	387/0	386/0
BRN & JAC	41/4	41/0
BROWN SHI	351/0	350/0
BRYANT GP	107/0	106/0
BSG INTL	74/4	74/4
BUDGENS	109/0	108/0
BULLOUGH	194/0	194/0
BULLMER HP	170/0	170/0
CAIRO GP	502/0	505/0
CALENDONIA	365/0	362/0
CAMB ELEC	204/0	205/0
CANFORD E	287/0	287/0
CANNING W	268/0	267/0
CANNON ST	214/0	216/0
CAP. RADIO	807/0	805/0
CARADON	341/0	341/0
CATTLE HD	74/0	74/0
CAULDON	14/0	14/4
CENTL TV	772/0	776/0
CHAM PHRR	216/0	213/0
CHLORIDE	40/0	40/0
CHRISTIES	253/0	250/0
CI GROUP	53/0	53/0
CLAYFORD	300/0	297/0
CLINT SEC	62/0	62/0
COALITE	168/0	168/0
COATERS BR	441/0	439/0
COLLOROLL	158/0	158/0
CONNELLS	229/0	230/0
COOPER F	140/0	140/0
COSTAIN	334/0	334/0
COURTS FR	194/0	195/0
COMIE (T)	147/0	148/0
CRH	194/0	195/0
CRODA INT	197/0	198/0
CRYSTAL	127/0	127/0
CTRY PROP	219/0	220/0
DARES EST	31/2	31/0
DAVIS GDO	160/0	160/0
DAYV CORP	245/0	245/0
DAMSON GP	328/0	335/0
DELTA GRP	328/0	327/0
DEWENISH	307/0	308/0
DEWHIRST	43/0	43/0
DIPLWA	221/0	221/0
DOBSON PK	99/4	99/0
DOPKAS GRP	357/0	358/0
DOUMINGAM	78/0	79/0
DOUGY GRP	283/0	283/0
DRAYTON FE	401/0	401/0
DRAYTON C	537/0	536/0
DRG	497/0	496/0
DUKEMISTR	74/0	74/0
DUNDEE LD	326/0	327/0
DUNHILL	311/0	310/0
EAGLE TST	17/4	18/0
EDIN I.T	192/6	193/0
EDMOND HD	42/4	42/4
ELECTRA	290/0	290/0
ELECTROCOM	204/0	205/0
EMAP	243/0	243/0
EMESS	138/0	138/0
EMPIRE ST	181/0	181/0
ENG. INT. J	324/0	302/0
ETAN	182/0	183/0
EURO HOME	182/0	183/0
EUTHERN	290/0	295/0
EURNITL UT	136/0	135/0
EURNITL UT	88/0	87/4
EUVOE GRP	181/0	181/0
EX.CO.LOU	245/0	245/0
EXPANET	218/0	220/0
F&C ENTER	33/4	33/4
F&C EUTRO	292/0	292/0
F&C PACIF	164/0	165/0
F&C SMILL	80/4	81/0
FARNELL E	168/0	168/0
FED. HOUSN	196/0	196/0
FENNER JH	177/0	178/0
FERRISON	248/0	248/0
FINE ARTS	246/0	246/0
FINLAN GP	83/0	84/0
FINLAY J	109/0	109/0
FITCH LOV	271/0	273/0
FLN. INC	109/0	109/0
FLNG AMR	152/4	153/0
FLNG F.E	227/0	228/0
FLNG INIV	183/0	184/0
FLNG JAPN	244/4	244/0
FLNG NERC	141/0	141/0
FT INTL	141/0	140/0
GERDONAT	258/0	260/0
GESTETNER	284/0	284/0
GOODE DUR	127/0	127/0
GPG	40/0	40/0
GRAPHN HD	222/0	223/0
GREEN.KMG	510/0	510/0
GREENWLL W	283/0	284/0
GREYCOAT	486/0	486/0
GRMP TV A	69/0	68/0
GT PRTLD	372/0	373/0
GUS ORD	613/0	600/0
GVT ORIE	365/0	366/0
GVT STRA	259/0	260/0
H.LIND DIS	713/0	713/0
HALMA	218/0	217/0
HANMERSON	840/0	840/0
HAYTHM LE	70/4	71/0
HAZELWOOD	257/0	258/0
HEATHCE	483/0	484/0
HELENE PL	31/4	31/4
HELICAL B	345/0	345/0
HEPORTH	290/0	290/0
HESTAIR	241/0	241/0
HEYWOOD W	277/0	277/0
HICKEN IN	273/0	274/0
HIGGS HIL	361/0	360/0
HIMRO CTY	39/0	39/0
HIMROD ZOP	207/0	206/0
HINT SPNR	147/0	146/0
HOBSON PR	84/0	84/0
HODEN GP	155/0	155/0
HOPKINSON	79/0	80/0
HROY. OGG	134/0	135/0
HTV GROUP	100/0	100/0
ICE.FZ.FD	342/0	341/0
IMRY N.DV	468/0	468/0
INDPOT W	15/0	15/0
INOCO PLC	31/4	32/0
INT.BU.CO	145/0	146/0
INT.CITY	58/0	58/0
JHNS&FIR	57/0	57/0
JOS HLDGS	148/4	149/0
KALAMAZOO	27/0	27/0
KALON GRP	43/4	44/0
KELT ENGT	58/0	58/0
KETSON	13/0	13/0
KLMT CHR	144/4	145/0
KLMT O'S	153/0	154/0
KLMT SML	185/0	186/0
KNIX SAVE	464/0	466/0
KNIX-FIT	104/0	105/0
LAING 'A'	343/0	343/0
LAING ORB	349/0	348/0
LAING PRP	528/0	528/0
LAIRD GP	258/0	258/0
LAURANCE U	147/0	147/0
LDN & NET	178/0	179/0
LDN ATLAN	310/4	310/0
LDN INTL	227/0	226/0
LDN WTL	65/0	65/0
LDN&EDIN	141/0	142/0
LEISURE I	82/0	83/0
LEP GROUP	155/0	156/0
LEX SERVC	376/0	371/0
LIFE SCIE	79/0	79/0
LIT	141/0	141/0
LLOYD THP	219/0	220/0
LOGICA	344/0	343/0
LOVELL HD	240/0	241/0
LOW (WM)	273/0	275/0
LOWBONN	223/0	2

International Bond Highlights

MOSCOW: The Soviet Union's foreign debt is 34 billion roubles, Soviet Prime Minister Nikolai Ryzhkov said on Friday, revealing the figure for the first time.

London: Electricite de France is issuing a 100 mln stg Eurobond due June 26, 2009 paying 10-1/2 pct and priced at 98.65 pct lead manager UBS-Phillips and Drew said.

London: First Interstate Bancorp of Los Angeles is issuing a 150 mln dir floating rate note due July 1994, lead manager Credit Suisse First Boston Ltd said.

London: Sweden's Skaraborgsbanken is launching a 150 mln dir Euro-commercial paper programme, Natwest Capital Markets said as arranger.

Hong Kong: P.T. Astra International of Indonesia signed a 100 mln US dir Euronote issuance facility, with Barclays PLC as arranger, a company spokesman said.

London: The Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce is issuing a 40 mln New Zealand dir Eurobond due July 27, 1992 paying 14 pct and priced at 102 pct, lead manager Fay Richwhillie (UK) Ltd said.

Frankfurt: Eni International Bank Ltd, Bahamas, is issuing a 40 mln Australian dir one-year Eurobond with a coupon of 18-5/8 pct, and priced at 101.75, lead manager Bayerische Vereinsbank AG said.

BOMBAY

PR. CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE	GLINDIA	93	93	96 MUK IRON	118	118	119
ACC	331	330.50	323.50	GNFC	40.75	40.50	40.50	NAT INDEX	376.81
ALCOA	---	---	---	GRASIM	116	116	115	NIPPON	22.75
ALM MIS	---	---	---	GSFC	148.75	152.50	150	NOCIL	900
ARI FAB	---	---	---	GUJ ALK	68	66	68	ORRAY	69
ASOK LEY	71	70	71	GUJ HEAVY	10	10	11	OSMAL AGRO	21
ASIA PAINT	190	188	191.25	HERO HONDA	22	22.50	22.50	PFIZER	68.50
ATLAS CORP	40.50	41	42	HIND CIBA	945	940	940	PONDS	181.50
AUTO CORP	87	83	85	HIND COCOA	108.75	107.50	108	PONDS	51.50
BAJAJ AUTO	375	375	375	HIND LEVER	89.50	89	88.50	PREN AUTO	52
BAR RAYON	445	445	445	HIND MOTOR	38.25	38.50	38.50	RANBAY	110
BE BOND	145	144	144	HINDALCO	280	285.75	280	RAY MOOL	81
BOM DYE	---	---	---	HOECHST	780	780	775	RECKITT	196.25
BOM FLY	138	138	137	IND ORG	34	35	34	RELANCE	123
BSE INDEX	725.38	724.37	724.37	IND RAYON	84	84.50	83.50	SESA GOA	44
BUREL WEL	195	195	197.50	INDROL	311.25	312.50	311.25	SHRI FIB	84
CANSHARE	185	180	185	INGERSOLL	395	392.50	392	SIEMENS	70
CEN ENKA	2585	2560	2590	ITC	106	113	115	SKF	1330
CEN SPG	1850	1855	1850	JY SNG	76	76	77.50	SPIC	57.50
COLGATE	335	335	332.50	KIN ENY	182.50	182.50	180	ST MILLS	260
CRONT GR	---	1250	1290	KIR CUMM	78.25	77.50	76.25	TATA CHEM	115.25
DCM	11.50	10.50	11.50	KSB PUMPS	395	392.50	397.50	TATA OIL	65
DEEP FERT	3	31.25	31.50	L AND T	87	88	87	TATA POW	322.50
DUNLOP	78	76	78	LIPTON	73.50	73	72.50	TELO	777.50
EI HOTELS	54	53	54	MAC RUSSEL	105	102.50	107.50	TRAPP AGRO	---
ESCORTS	65.50	65	65.50	MAD COATS	101	101	103	TISCO	1350
ESKAYEY	122.50	121.25	120	MAHINDRA	95	95	95.50	VAN ORG	164
ESSAR SPG	22.75	23	22.75	MAS SHARE	18.75	18.75	18.75	VARELI	25
FOOD SPL	177.0	176.25	175	MILKFOOD	600	600	625	VOLTA	720
FORBES	49	48	48	MILKFOOD	210	220	225	WINDO	22.75
GAR POLY	68.50	68.50	68	MODI	87.50	85	85	ZENITH	58
GE SHIPPING	39.75	39.75	39.85	NRF LTD	395	395	400	ZUARI AGRO	74

FRANKFURT

STOCK	LAST PR. CLSE
AEG	215.0
ALLIANZ VR	1797.0
BADENWERK	210.0
BASF	312.0
BAYER	311.8
BAYER HYP	388.0
BAYER VER	386.5
BBC	435.5
BHF	456.0
BMW	571.0
COMITZBK	242.0
CONTI GUMM	292.5
DAINER BEN	690.5
DEUTSC BK	564.8
DLM	549.0
DRESDBER	324.5
DRAGON B	186.0
FAL INDEX	600.91
FELD MUEHL	365.0
GOLDSCHEID	409.0
HARPENER	455.0
HOECHST AG	300.1
HOECHST	277.5
HORTEN	251.0
HUSSEL HLD	603.0
KALI SALZ	201.5
KARSTADT	559.0
KLAUFHO	492.5
KLOECK H	182.0
KLOECK W	169.0
LINDE	728.0
LUFTHANSA	186.0
MAN	252.5
MANHESSEN	549.0
MERCEDES	549.0
METALLGES	436.0
MINDORF PF	311.0
NORSK NYD	44.40
PHILIP KOM	567.0
PORSCHER	745.0
PREUSSAG	298.0
PMA	307.5
RHEINMETAL	400.0
RWE	295.0
RWE P	258.0
SALAMANDER	348.0
SCHERING	673.7
SEL	312.0
SIEMENS	555.0
THYSSEN	257.0
VERA	370.0
VEBA	303.0
VEW	187.0
VOLKSWAGEN	414.0

HONG KONG

STOCK	LAST PR. CLSE
BANK EA	12.90
CATHAY	8.50
CAVENDISH	240
CHANGING K	7.15
CHINA L-P	11.30
DAIRY FARM	610
EVERGOLD IND	1.60
GT EAGLE	0
H S INDEX	268.38
HAECC	15
HANG LUNG	3.35
HENDERSON	3.45
HK BANK	5.50
HK ELEC	6.75
HK GAS	14.80
HK LAND	7.40
HK TELECOM	4.40
HK-S HOTEL	4.15
HOPEWELL	1.79
HS BANK	20.40
HUTCHINSON	7.60
HYSAN DEV	1.11
JAR MATH	17.00
JSH	10.00
KM BUS	6.40
LI SUN	95
MANDARIN O	0
MIRANAR	4.62
NEW WORLD	7.45
PAUL Y CON	69
SHK PROP	8.00
STELLUX	1.82
SWIRE A	14.20
TAI CHEUNG	3.02
TV-B	82
WAF	7.30
WINSOR	7.20
WORLD INTL	3.05

TOKYO

STOCK	LAST PR. CLSE	STOCK	LAST PR. CLSE	STOCK	LAST PR. CLSE
AJINOMOTO	2710	2730	NITSOB CP	1450	1440
AKAI ELEC	816	799	NITSOB EL	1160	1170
AKI	1390	1410	NITSOB EST	2390	2420
ASAHI GLS	2360	2310	NITSOB HYP	1190	1170
ASAHI OPT	938	921	NITSOB K	1030	1040
BANK TOKYO	1640	1650	NITSOB KOSHI	2360	2400
BRIDGESTON	1620	1620	NITSOB L	980	985
CANON	1790	1780	NITSOB M	1750	1710
CASIO COMP	1410	1420	NITSOB N	1170	1200
CHUGAI PHM	1750	1750	NITSOB O	1820	1830
CITIZEN W	1120	1130	NIP OIL	1490	1500
D-ICHI KAN	3320	3340	NIP STEEL	869	882
DAI NIP IK	917	917	NIP TENSEN	1020	1010
DAI NIP PT	2530	2530	NIP TOSH	1600	1620
DAI NIP SC	1180	1200	NOMURA SEC	3250	3250
DAI NIP TO	968	966	OMIA CO	1330	1280
DAIICEL	1070	1060	OLYMPUS	1400	1400
DAIWA H	2130	2150	PENTA OCN	1450	1460
DAIWA SEC	2200	2170	PIONEER	3520	3510
EBARA MFG	2290	2220	REINMAN	1110	1100
EISAI	1990	1990	RICOH	1250	1250
FUJITSU	1500	1510	SANKYO	2440	2430
FUJII BANK	3480	3460	SANYO ELEC	951	950
FUJII PHOTO	3970	4020	SEIYU ST	2210	2210
FUJISAWA	1710	1690	SEKISUI PB	1990	2020
FUJITA CP	1880	1900	SHARP	1380	1390
HITACHI	1600	1610	SHISEIDO	1710	1700
HONDA MOT	1940	1940	SONY	7670	7650
ISETAN	2510	2490	SUNITOMO	1320	1320
ITO YOKADO	3940	3890	TAISEI	1650	1710
JAP SYN RU	1220	1240	TAISHO MRN	1320	1340
JAPAN AIR	17200	17100	TAKEEDA CH	870	882
JAPAN MET	1120	1050	TEIEN	503.41	504.75
KAJIMA	2140	2150	TOKAI NEW IX	2030	2040
KANSAI EL	4680	4670	TOKIO MRN	2030	2020
KAO SOAP	1710	1710	TOKYO ELEC	1240	1240
KAWASAKI H	1110	1130	TOKYO GAS	1120	1130
KAWASAKI S	998	997	TOKYO POWR	5980	5950
KIRIN BREW	1910	1950	TORAY IND	995	1000
KOMATSU	1260	1270	TOSHIBA EL	1410	1410
KUBOTA LTD	1250	1230	TOTO	0	2350
KYOCERA	5150	5200	TOYO KKOYU	1020	1050
MAKITA EL	1800	1830	TOYOTA MOT	2680	2700
MARUI	2770	2760	YAMADA	1420	1410
MAZDA EI	2390	2410	YAMAICHI	1800	1820
MATSUITA EL	0	2660	YAMAMOTO	3540	3540
MEIJI SEIK	1150	1120	YAMAZAKI	1570	1570

Tokyo Stock Market Report

TOKYO STOCKS LANGUISH, CLOSE MIXED IN LIGHT TRADE

TOKYO, JUNE 9, REUTER - THE MARKET COULD NOT KEEP UP ITS EARLY GAINS AND SHARE PRICES LANGUISHED IN VERY LIGHT TRADE TO CLOSE MIXED. SCATTERED SMALL-LOT BUYING AND SELLING OF SPECIFIC INCENTIVE-BACKED SHARES PUNCTUATED A DREARY DAY OF INSTITUTIONAL INVESTORS HELD TO THE SIDELINES, BROKERS SAID.

"THE MARKET IS READY FOR AN UPWARD TREND," SAID RYUKI HAYASHIDA, HEAD OF EQUITY SALES FOR CHASE MANHATTAN SECURITIES JAPAN. "BOTH VOLUME AND PRICES WOULD RISE IF IT WEREN'T FOR THE UNCERTAINTY OVER CHINA AND THE CURRENCY BALANCE."

THE KEY 225-SHARE NIKKEI INDEX EASED 78.31 POINTS, OR 0.25 PCT, TO CLOSE AT 33,639.98 AFTER RISING 91.40 ON THURSDAY.

BROKERS SAID SOME INDEX-LINKED BUYING BY INVESTMENT TRUST FUNDS AND BROKERS KEPT SHARE PRICES FROM FALLING FURTHER.

"THE BIG BROKERS ARE TRYING TO GET THE CAPITAL INVESTMENT THEME GOING, BUT THE MARKET REMAINS UNINSPIRED, AND CERTAINLY UNINTERESTING," SAID PAUL MIGLIORATO, TRADER FOR JARDINE FLEMING SECURITIES LTD.

TURNOVER WAS A VERY LIGHT 500 MLN SHARES AGAINST 650 MLN ON THURSDAY.

"INSTITUTIONS ARE WAITING," SAID TADAOKI UENARA, DEPUTY GENERAL MANAGER OF WAKO SECURITIES. "THEY WILL BE UNEASY UNTIL THE FUNDAMENTALS ARE RIGHT."

THAT DEPENDS IN PART ON A STRONGER YEN AGAINST THE DOLLAR AND ON HOW MANY SEATS THE RULING LIBERAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY LOSES IN JAPANESE UPPER HOUSE ELECTIONS IN LATE JULY, HE SAID.

INSTITUTIONS ARE NOT LIKELY TO BECOME ACTIVE AS LONG AS THE WEAK YEN AGAINST THE DOLLAR MAKES JAPANESE INVESTMENTS LESS ATTRACTIVE THAN DOLLAR-DENOMINATED INSTRUMENTS.

"EVEN INDIVIDUALS, WHO ARE USUALLY IN THE MARKET, ARE NOT TRADING MUCH TODAY," WAKO'S UENARA SAID.

THE FIRST SECTION INDEX, OR TOPIX, EASED 1.32 POINTS TO 2,503.41 AFTER RISING 17.44 POINTS ON THURSDAY.

FALLS EDGED RISES 476 ISSUES TO 412, WITH 194 UNCHANGED.

Hong Kong Market Report

HONG KONG, JUNE 9, REUTER - STOCKS ROSE IN REDUCED TURNOVER ON NEWS THAT HONGKONG CHINESE PREMIER LI PENG HAD APPEARED ON STATE TELEVISION ON THURSDAY.

LI'S APPEARANCE FOLLOWED WEEKS OF RUMOURS ON WHO WAS AT CHINA'S HELM.

"THE MARKET THINKS HARDLINE CONTROL IS BETTER THAN NO CONTROL AT ALL," A BROKER SAID.

"THE MARKET ALWAYS LOOKS FOR STABILITY RATHER THAN UNCERTAINTY," SAID ANOTHER.

THE HANG SENG INDEX ENDED 43.72 POINTS HIGHER AT 2,688.38, ITS RISES AND FALLS LESS SPECTACULAR THAN IN RECENT DAYS.

AMMAN

As of 7.6.89	OPNG	CLSG	JOR NATIONAL BANK	2.50	2.48
ALA-ADDIN COMPANY	2.26	2.28	JOR PAPER CARDBRDG	3.70	3.85
ARAB ALUMINUM IND.	2.18	2.22	JOR PHOSPHATE MINS	3.90	3.90
ARAB BANK	148.5	148.0	JOR PIPES MANUFACT	2.29	2.31
ARAB CHEMICAL DTER	4.61	4.61	JOR PRESS/PUBLISH.	1.79	1.72
ARAB FINANCE CORP.	1.70	1.71	JOR PRINTING/PACK.	4.25	4.25
ARAB INSURANCE	1.02	1.01	JOR ROCK WOOL IND.	1.13	1.10
ARAB INT. INV/TRADE	0.63	0.66	JOR SECURIT CORP	1.12	1.11
ARAB INT. UNION INS	1.11	1.16	JOR SELPHO CHEM.	2.15	2.17
ARAB INTER. HOTELS	1.38	1.34	JOR WOOD INDUSTRY	2.49	2.47
ARAB JOR/INVEST/BK	2.37	2.37	JOR WORSTED MLL	4.65	4.70
ARAB PAPER COM/TRA	0.35	0.35	JOR. KUWAIT AGR	0.91	0.91
ARAB PHARMA. MANF.	3.57	3.55	JOR. PETROLIUM REF	7.81	7.81
ARAB PHARMA/CHEN	1.57	1.65	JOR. FRENCH INS.	5.45	5.45
ARABIAN SEAS INS.	1.65	1.65	JOR. INV. FIN. CORP	2.50	2.50
BANK OF JORDAN	15.00	15.20	JORDANIAN GULF REAL	0.35	0.35
BEIT AL-MAL/BEITNA	1.01	1.06	JORDAN DAIRY	1.08	1.10
BELGIUM INSURANCE	1.00	0.95	JORDAN GULF BANK	1.17	1.15
CAIRO AMMAN BANK	29.50	29.00	JORDAN GULF INS.	0.94	0.95
CONFECT/CHOCOLATE	1.05	1.25	JORDAN INSURANCE	3.58	3.60
DAR AL SHAAB PRESS	0.28	0.29	JORDAN ISLAMIC BKK	2.05	2.05
DAR ALSHAAB DV/INV.	2.60	2.60	JORDAN KUWAIT BANK	1.43	1.44
DARCO/INVEST/HOUS.	0.82	0.81	LIVESTOCK/POULTRY	0.71	0.71
FINANCE/CREDIT/COR	0.75	0.71	NACH/EGU/RENT/MAIN	0.79	0.79
GARAGE OWNERS OFF	4.60	4.60	NAS INDUSTRIES	0.73	0.73
GENERAL INSURANCE	2.39	2.63	NID EAST EXCHANGE	1.17	1.11
GENERAL INVESTMENT	1.27	1.25	NIDDEL EAST HOTEL	0.57	0.55
GENERAL MINING.	1.20	1.10	NIDDEL EAST INS	2.02	2.00
HIMMER MINERALS	0.75	0.75	NIDDEL EAST HOTEL	0.57	0.55
HOLY LAND INS.	1.44	1.44	NIDDEL EAST HOTEL	0.57	0.55
IND. MATCH JEMCO	0.86	0.90	NIDDEL EAST HOTEL	0.57	0.55
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOP	1.70	1.70	NIDDEL EAST HOTEL	0.57	0.55
INDUSTRIAL COMM/AGR	1.81	1.80	NIDDEL EAST HOTEL	0.57	0.55
INDUSTRIAL INVEST.	0.75	0.75	NIDDEL EAST HOTEL	0.57	0.55
INTERCOM/INV	0.13	0.13	NIDDEL EAST HOTEL	0.57	0.55
IRBIT ELECTRICITY	0.90	0.85	NIDDEL EAST HOTEL	0.57	0.55
ISLAMIC INV. HOUSE	0.64	0.64	NIDDEL EAST HOTEL	0.57	0.55
ISLAMIC PETRI/CH	2.16	2.15	NIDDEL EAST HOTEL	0.57	0.55
J. TOUR-SP COMPLEX	0.79	0.80	NIDDEL EAST HOTEL	0.57	0.55
JERUSALEM INS.	1.26	1.29	NIDDEL EAST HOTEL	0.57	0.55
JO TABACCO/CIGARET	19.50	19.50	NIDDEL EAST HOTEL	0.57	0.55
JOR CERAMIC FACTOR	2.07	2.06	NIDDEL EAST HOTEL	0.57	0.55
JOR EAGLE INS.	25.05	25.05	NIDDEL EAST HOTEL	0.57	0.55
JOR ELECTRIC POWER	1.50	1.50	NIDDEL EAST HOTEL	0.57	0.55
JOR FINANCE HOUSE	1.20	1.22	NIDDEL EAST HOTEL	0.57	0.55
JOR GLASS INDUSTRY	1.02	1.02	NIDDEL EAST HOTEL	0.57	0.55
JOR HOTEL TOURISM	2.30	2.18	NIDDEL EAST HOTEL	0.57	0.55
JOR INDUSTRY CHEM.	2.50	2.48	NIDDEL EAST HOTEL	0.57	0.55
JOR INS AND FIN.	1.20	1.20	NIDDEL EAST HOTEL	0.57	0.55
JOR LEASING CORP.	0.79	0.83	NIDDEL EAST HOTEL	0.57	0.55
JOR LIM BRICK	0.18	0.19	NIDDEL EAST HOTEL	0.57	0.55
JOR MANAG/CONSULT	0.50	0.50	NIDDEL EAST HOTEL	0.57	0.55
JOR NATIONAL BANK	2.50	2.48	NIDDEL EAST HOTEL	0.57	0.55
JOR PAPER CARDBRDG	3.70	3.85	NIDDEL EAST HOTEL	0.57	0.55
JOR PHOSPHATE MINS	3.90	3.90	NIDDEL EAST HOTEL	0.57	0.55
JOR PIPES MANUFACT	2.29	2.31	NIDDEL EAST HOTEL	0.57	0.55
JOR PRESS/PUBLISH.	1.79	1.72	NIDDEL EAST HOTEL	0.57	0.55
JOR PRINTING/PACK.	4.25	4.25	NIDDEL EAST HOTEL	0.57	0.55
JOR ROCK WOOL IND.	1.13	1.10	NIDDEL EAST HOTEL	0.57	0.55
JOR SECURIT CORP	1.12	1.11	NIDDEL EAST HOTEL	0.57	0.55
JOR SELPHO CHEM.	2.15	2.17	NIDDEL EAST HOTEL	0.57	0.55
JOR WOOD INDUSTRY	2.49	2.47	NIDDEL EAST HOTEL	0.57	0.55
JOR WORSTED MLL	4.65	4.70	NIDDEL EAST HOTEL	0.57	0.55
JOR. KUWAIT AGR	0.91	0.91	NIDDEL EAST HOTEL	0.57	0.55
JOR. PETROLIUM REF	7.81	7.81	NIDDEL EAST HOTEL	0.57	0.55
JOR. FRENCH INS.	5.45	5.45	NIDDEL EAST HOTEL	0.57	0.55
JOR. INV. FIN. CORP	2.50	2.50	NIDDEL EAST HOTEL	0.57	0.55
JORDANIAN GULF REAL	0.35	0.35	NIDDEL EAST HOTEL	0.57	0.55
JORDAN DAIRY	1.08	1.10	NIDDEL EAST HOTEL	0.57	0.55
JORDAN GULF BANK	1.17	1.15	NIDDEL EAST HOTEL	0.57	0.55
JORDAN GULF INS.	0.94	0.95	NIDDEL EAST HOTEL	0.57	0.55
JORDAN INSURANCE	3.58	3.60	NIDDEL EAST HOTEL	0.57	0.55
JORDAN ISLAMIC BKK	2.05	2.05	NIDDEL EAST HOTEL	0.57	0.55
JORDAN KUWAIT BANK	1.43	1.44	NIDDEL EAST HOTEL	0.57	0.55
LIVESTOCK/POULTRY	0.71	0.71	NIDDEL EAST HOTEL	0.57	0.55
NACH/EGU/RENT/MAIN	0.79	0.79	NIDDEL EAST HOTEL	0.57	0.55
NAS INDUSTRIES	0.73	0.73	NIDDEL EAST HOTEL	0.57	0.55
NID EAST EXCHANGE	1.17	1.11	NIDDEL EAST HOTEL	0.57	0.55
NIDDEL EAST HOTEL	0.57	0.55	NIDDEL EAST HOTEL	0.57	0.55
NIDDEL EAST INS	2.02	2.00	NIDDEL EAST HOTEL	0.57	0.55
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Funding row threatens future of IFAD

ROME, June 9, (Reuters): A row over contributions from oil producers threatened deadlock on Wednesday at a key funding meeting of the United Nations International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD).

An extraordinary one-day meeting of IFAD's 143-nation governing council was called to approve a \$750-million programme for 1990 to 1992 after failure to agree at a previous session in January.

But officials said OPEC (Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries) member states announced they could not meet their target of \$184 million because of falling oil revenues and offered only \$24.4 million.

The figure is vital to the total since Western developed countries contribute \$1.5 for every OPEC dollar.

The officials said the council's chairman, Dutch Agriculture Minister Gerrit Braks, had proposed giving OPEC members three months to boost their contribution to \$160 million but the compromise was rejected by oil producers.

"It was basically a take it or leave it offer," one official said of the OPEC position. The council planned further talks to try to end the impasse.

IFAD, founded in 1968, has won wide support for its provision of grants and loans for small-scale, self-help projects for the world's poorest and for its help in drought-hit sub-Saharan Africa.

Third World countries are scheduled to contribute \$75 million to the funding programme.

Developed countries have agreed to match developing country contributions three-to-one but the IFAD official said the OPEC shortfall meant the fund would have only \$500 million for the next three years.

"According to Braks this would not be enough for the fund to operate," the official said.

He said Saudi Arabia, the agency's second biggest donor after the United States, had offered only \$30 million against 72 million for the last funding programme.

Kuwait urges meeting to ease Third World debt burden

UNITED NATIONS, June 9, (OPECNA): Kuwait has called for a meeting between debtor and creditor countries to try and work out a formula for easing the financial burden on developing countries which was being made worse by population increases.

Ms Mariam Abdul Karim Al Awadhi, assistant under-secretary for technical co-operation at the Kuwait Planning Ministry, urged the United Nations fund for population activities to co-ordinate with other specialized UN agencies in convening the meeting.

She told the governing council of the UN Development Programme here that the external debt burden constituted a "real catastrophe" for Third World peoples.

"It is increasing and it is becoming a focal point in the conflict between debtor and creditor countries," she pointed out.

The aim of such a meeting would be to formulate a worldwide plan of action taking into account proposals on Third World debt made by the UN Secretary-General in September 1988.

In that message, the Amir had called on creditor nations to cancel the accumulated debt of developing countries. He had also invited the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank to revise conditions for nations seeking aid.

Ms Al Awadhi underlined the importance of "working together" in order to cope with the challenges of the "demographic explosion" and the debt crisis.

"It is time to face the challenge resulting from population growth which is threatening any social and economic development plan and any effort aimed at protecting the environmental balance," she maintained.

Private capital expenditure expected to grow by about 13.7 pc

Economists see Japan corporate profit growth slowing

TOKYO, June 9, (Reuters): It can't go on like this.

That is the refrain heard these days from economists who predict Japanese corporate profits will rise yet again in the current year, though more slowly than in 1988/89.

Most made a similar prediction last June, only to find that 1988/89 profit growth surpassed both their expectations and growth rates of the previous year. "We just got it wrong," said one foreign economist.

Take Nomura Research Institute, research arm of Japan's largest brokerage, Nomura Securities, for example.

Last May NRI predicted 20-per-cent growth in the 1988/89 current profits of 350 major companies, excluding financials. Now NRI estimates those profits grew about by 34 per cent.

Last June, Wako Research Institute of Economics said current profits of major

companies would grow an average 7.7 per cent in the year to March 31, 1989. That forecast was revised upward to 21.1 per cent last March, and a Wako report last week put actual growth at 24.3 per cent, after a 19.3 per cent jump in 1987/88.

Behind last year's surprising growth was an unexpectedly robust economy bolstered by strong domestic demand, including hefty private capital spending. "The economy overall was stronger than people thought," said Matthew Berlow, economist at Credit Lyonnais Alexanders Laing and Cruikshank Securities, Japan.

"An expected slowdown at the end of the year never materialised," Berlow said.

"Domestic demand was stronger than people thought, the yen was weaker so exports were higher, and companies' rationalisation efforts paid off more,"

said Fumihiko Ishii, an analyst at NRI. A flood of capital investment by private firms was a key factor in boosting 1988/89 profits.

"We had a capital expenditure cycle more profound than originally anticipated. It turned out to be one of the major cycles of the decade," said Baring Securities Research director Bruce Johnson.

This year, economists and analysts say, the already high level of profits and signs that companies will be more circumspect in capital spending mean profit growth is certain to be less than in 1988/89.

"Most sectors are doing well, so it will be difficult to have a great leap forward," said Peter Morgan, economist at Barclays De Zoete Wedd Securities (Japan). The ratio of corporate profits to gross national product (GNP), now 10 per cent, is already at a historical high, just

above the previous peak of slightly under 10 per cent hit in 1973, Morgan said.

"We had very rapid profit growth in the earlier part of the (economic) cycle. And given that profits are so good, growth will be closer to that of overall sales and GNP, and so tend to level out," Morgan said.

Private capital expenditure, which grew 15.9 per cent in calendar 1988, is expected to grow by about 13.7 per cent in 1989, said Berlow at Credit Lyonnais.

"Capital spending was a major factor boosting profits last year, but companies are being more cautious this year," said NRI's Ishii.

NRI expects average current profit growth for 350 major companies excluding financial firms to be around 10 per cent this year, with some sectors such as steel, electronics and construction continuing to outstrip the average, Ishii said. Wako Research expects overall cor-

porate profits to rise a more 4.7 per cent in 1989/90. Profits at firms other than electric and gas utilities, which will have little or no profit growth, are forecast to rise 12.8 per cent against 34.5 per cent in 1988/89, a Wako analyst said.

Still, the slower profit growth, while not strikingly good news for the stock market, is unlikely to have a serious negative impact either, the economists said.

"Some sectors, such as steel, won't be as attractive as last year because we won't see the same phenomenal earnings growth," Berlow said. "But you can't look at earnings growth and find any reasons to sell. Investors will just be more selective."

And no one is ruling out the possibility of upward revisions, always welcomed by the market, later in the year.

"Revisions are always possible," the Wako analyst said.

Bankers to discuss dollar and inflation

Meeting to give new impetus to ease Third World debt

ZURICH, June 9, (Reuters): Central bankers from around the world gather in Basel this week-end for talks on how to tackle the runaway dollar, fight inflation and give new impetus to easing the Third World's \$1.3 trillion debt burden.

The bankers, attending the annual meeting of the Bank for International Settlements (BIS), are also expected to look anew at the still huge US budget and balance of payments deficits.

"Central bankers have not been voicing the US budget deficit as a primary worry, because they have been much more concerned with fighting inflation. But it remains an important element of uncertainty," said one senior European central bank economist.

No major initiatives are expected, but the meeting will provide an opportunity to review economic and financial issues after a ministerial meeting last week in Paris of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development and ahead of the Group of Seven economic summit there in July.

Most of the discussion at the BIS, which acts as central banker to the world's central banks, will take place informally at cocktail parties and dinners.

The annual meeting itself on Monday will be a brief 45-minute affair to approve the BIS accounts and hear an address by its president Wim Duisenberg, head of the Dutch Central Bank.

Top finance officials at the Paris OECD talks felt their steady raising of interest rates over the past year may have been enough to squeeze inflation out of their economies.

But the fight against inflation had been complicated by a surge



Nicholas Brady

in the dollar this year, which has pushed up import prices in Europe and Japan. Bankers fear possible "overkill" if nations raise interest rates much further to prop up currencies.

"No one wants to kill the golden goose of economic growth," said George Magnus, chief international economist at S.G. Warburg Securities in London.

A cut in major US banks' prime lending rates from 11.5 to 11 per cent on Monday was particularly welcome for Europe and Japan, and bankers will be watching closely for a clear signal that the US Federal Reserve is easing monetary policy.

"But they're going to be as cautious in reducing rates as they were in raising them," said Gerald Holtham, chief international economist at Shearson Lehman Hutton in London.

Bankers say the BIS is likely to repeat a call made last year for Washington to raise taxes to cut its twin deficits.

The US administration has estimated that the federal budget deficit will total \$163.5 billion in the current fiscal year to October 1, up from 155 billion in fiscal 1988.

President George Bush said in April he had agreed with congressional leaders to cut the deficit to \$99.4 billion in 1990, but independent economic analysts in Washington expressed scepticism about whether this could be achieved.

Last year's US balance of payments deficit on the current account was \$135.3 billion.

The fear among many bankers is that if the deficits are not reduced, current heavy balance of payments imbalances between the United States and its major trading partners, particularly Japan and West Germany, will continue.

This could destabilise world trade, increase pressure for protectionism, and add to currency market volatility, they say.

The Basel meeting brings central bankers from the most heavily indebted countries together with their counterparts from the richer countries, and a key topic will be the Brady plan for reducing the debts of Third World states.

US Treasury Secretary Nicholas Brady got a sceptical and at times hostile reception from commercial bankers when he urged them to back his proposals at a conference in Madrid this week.

The plan envisages economic reform in debtor nations under surveillance by the International Monetary Fund (IMF), new loans and swapping debt for equity in industrial projects as well as formally cutting the Third World's \$1.3 trillion debt.

US, Japan to begin talks next week

Hills defends trade actions

WASHINGTON, June 9, (AP): US Trade Representative Carla Hills, responding to complaints about high-handed American negotiating tactics, said yesterday that the administration's decision to target unfair trade barriers in Japan, Brazil and India was not meant to be an exercise in "mindless name-calling."

Hills said she was optimistic that the administration's decision would result in successful negotiations despite angry protests from the targeted countries.

The administration, implementing the most controversial section of the 1988 trade act, cited the three nations last month for serious fair-trade violations with the threat that they could face 100-per-cent retaliatory tariffs if the countries do not agree to remove the offending barriers to US products.

The United States action was criticised at an international meeting last week in Paris, with the 24-nation Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development issuing a communique attacking such unilateral trade actions.

In her testimony yesterday before the House of Representatives Ways and Means Subcommittee on trade, Hills said, "We do not seek mindless name-calling" in implementing the trade law.

Rather, she said, the administration hoped that it had laid out the priorities it would be working to achieve in opening markets over the next year.

Some congressmen questioned why the administration had chosen such a limited target list. For Japan, the products covered by the negotiations will be super computers, satellites and US lumber.

Hills said the countries and items named

represented a judgement call on the part of the administration of the areas which offered the best possibility of expanding markets for American products within the tight negotiating deadlines set by the trade provision, called "Super 301."

Countries who were not named to the priority list this year could still be named when the administration is required to present a new list next year, Hill said.

Shortly after Hills' appearance, a US shipbuilding industry group announced that it had filed a complaint challenging shipyard subsidies provided by the governments of West Germany, Norway, Japan and South Korea.

The petition, filed by the shipbuilders council of America, an industry trade group, requested that Hills begin negotiations to end the subsidies being provided by the four countries.

"The US commercial shipbuilding and repair industry is in a state of virtual collapse. Since 1985, no commercial vessels have been placed on order in a US shipyard," said John Stocker, president of the council, who blamed the government subsidies for an inability of American companies to get jobs building commercial vessels.

The shipbuilding group unveiled its demands during a Capitol Hill news conference attended by several senators and House members who represent cities with shipyards with many of them complaining about the closing of 55 shipyards since 1978 with a loss of 60,000 jobs.

Hills has 45 days to decide whether to accept the petition and begin negotiations with the countries to end the subsidies.

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Auto dealerships facing toughest times in 30 years

DETROIT, June 9, (UPI): The nation's new car dealerships are facing their toughest times in 30 years, as an increasingly fragmented industry, high real estate costs and manufacturer pressures freeze cash flows or cause ledger books to bleed red ink.

One automotive research firm, J.D. Power and Associates, predicts that as many as 2,000 of the nation's 25,000 existing dealership will go out of business within the next two years, with domestic stores — especially those selling General Motors Corp. products — being hit the hardest.

The makeup of US dealerships will also change dramatically within the next decade, as Asian automakers building cars both here and abroad establish new franchises. Much of that new business may result from domestic car dealers switching to or adopting import brands, the Agoura Hills, Calif. researchers said.

Much of the growth will be in the mid-west and southeast. Those areas have traditionally been the strongest markets for GM, Ford Motor Co. and Chrysler Corp., America's big three carmakers.

But companies such as Toyota, Nissan, Hyundai and Mitsubishi are headed

straight into America's heartland now that they have established dealerships on the east and west coasts.

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pite a relatively stable market of about 15 million new cars and trucks sold each year since the early 1980s.

"Most dealers last year did not average more than one per cent in after-tax profits, and for the first quarter of 1989, more than half were in the red," said Ron Tonkin, 1989 president of the National Automobile Dealers Association, which represents about 20,000 dealers.

Tonkin, an outspoken critic of the automakers, said most dealers need to generate about 2-1/2 per cent in net profits to generate a cash flow and stay in business.

Vietnam hopes to reach IMF pact shortly

HANOI, June 9, (Reuters): Vietnam hopes to finalise a tough economic reform package with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) next month that should unlock new funds for the ailing communist state, a senior banking official said.

Nguyen Cong Hai, deputy director of the foreign department of the State Bank of Vietnam, said in an interview this week he hoped agreement would be reached during an IMF mission to Hanoi in July.

It would involve an arrangement for settling Vietnam's arrears with the bank of about \$135 million and IMF approval for radical measures to slash inflation, eliminate subsidies and promote exports in the South-East Asian state.

"If we can agree on an economic programme with the IMF, the IMF will help mobilise funds to repay two thirds of the overdue debt. We'll mobilise funds to repay the remaining third," Hai said.

"Once this has been done the IMF will give access to more funds," he said.

This would also encourage the World Bank and other international sources of funds such as the Asian Development Bank to provide assistance, he added.

He said Vietnam had already introduced many of the reforms contained in a package which he hoped could be submitted for IMF approval shortly after the July meetings here.

An international banker involved in talks on securing new loans for Vietnam but who asked not to be identified said he considered the speed of the reforms "amazing."

The official exchange rate of the dong currency, which a year ago was up to eight times below the black market rate, has been brought in line with the street value of about 4,300 to the dollar.

Subsidies to inefficient enterprises have been sharply reduced, Hai said, and a strict limit imposed on money supply.

Bank deposit interest rates were hoisted to attract money needed for investment. They were set at 12 per cent per month for a three-month deposit in April but were lowered to nine per cent on June 1 to reflect the fall in inflation.

Cyprus unveils new 5-year plan

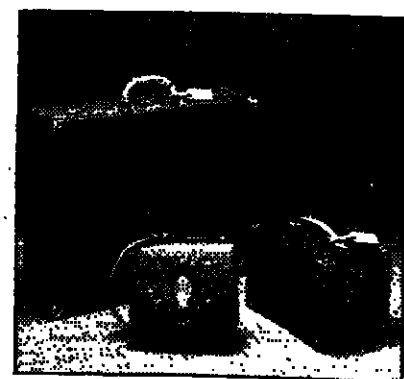
NICOSIA, Cyprus, June 9, (AP): Government planners yesterday announced a new five-year plan for the Cyprus economy that calls for a 5 per cent annual growth rate and boosts spending by 50 per cent.

The plan also aims at providing 20,000 new jobs and raising per capita income from 3,500 to 5,200 Cyprus pounds (\$7,000, 10,400) in 1993, the semi-official Cyprus news agency reported.

It said the plan forecasts investments of 3.3 billion Cyprus pounds (\$6.6 billion) in the Mediterranean island over the next five years, a 56 per cent increase over the current five-year period.

Exports should increase by 10 per cent annually to top one billion Cyprus pounds (\$2 billion) in 1993, while introduction of value added tax will reduce the public sector deficit, according to the plan.

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SPECIAL REPORT

Deng reappears as Army reasserts control



A Chinese soldier at Communist Party headquarters is caught up in a crowd watching some 40,000 students and citizens participating in a memorial and pro-democracy in Shanghai. (Reuter wirephoto)



A crowd runs for cover after tanks opened fire on them near Tiananmen Square in Beijing last Saturday. (Reuter wirephoto)



A person chips and engraves inscriptions on white marble gravestones in front of his business store on Thursday. "It's business as usual," he said. "The dead haven't come in yet but I'm expecting them." (Reuter wirephoto)



Deng Xiaoping shakes hands with military law officers during a meeting yesterday at Zhongnanhai, central Beijing. At centre is Premier Li Peng. (Reute wirephoto)

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interest," Deng declared. The Army made its presence felt in every section of the city today, with convoys of trucks and foot soldiers patrolling by day and more than 100 tanks and armoured personnel carriers rumbling through by night. Soldiers occupied most intersections today and stopped cars at night to demand identification. Hundreds of soldiers took positions around universities where the protests began in mid-April, but non-military security forces went onto school grounds to tear down defiant student posters calling for the government's fall. Martial law authorities issued a new order banning "counter-revolutionary" posters and pamphlets. Most buildings bore government banners calling for unity against the rebels. One apartment block though, still bore a huge sign proclaiming: "The students must be victorious. Long live the people."

But the opposition receded in the face of the huge military presence. About 50,000 students and supporters gathered in Shanghai to mourn six people killed Tuesday, when a train crashed through a barricade protesters set up on the tracks. That was the only protest reported today.

The television news showed soldiers patrolling the southwestern city of Chengdu, and the ruins of a department store burned by protesters. Police were shown making arrests in Wuhan and Harbin, among the many cities where protesters burned buses and blocked roads. China's Foreign Ministry advised embassies in Beijing to keep their staffers indoors at night, but did not impose a curfew.

US Ambassador James Lilley said 70 more Americans left Beijing today, including his wife. The embassy estimated 400 Americans were left in the city, including 100 embassy employees, down from about 2,500 before martial law. Most other foreigners also left. Heightened army patrols of Beijing indicated a new confidence that local residents would not attack.

It also became apparent that troops in the capital had unified in quelling any remnants of political dissent after days of reported minor skirmishing between troops and protesters opposed to the crackdown. The soldiers celebrated their victory by hoisting the national flag over Tiananmen Square, the symbolic seat of Chinese power, which had been occupied by thousands of peaceful student demonstrators for weeks.

The television news showed a military band playing the national anthem as the flag was raised. It also showed an aerial view of Tiananmen Square filled with hundreds of trucks and dozens of tanks. Some public buses began running again today and were allowed to cross the square's northern end.

But soldiers continued to remove chained buses, tanks and trucks burned by angry crowds. Neighbourhood committees organised local residents into cleanup teams.

Arrests There were no confirmed arrests of student leaders or dissidents, but Chinese sources said police had begun taking suspected protesters from homes. "We know that they're picking people up all over the place," said a Western diplomat, who declined to be identified. The government has announced arrests of dozens of people in Beijing and other cities, all for allegedly attacking troops or burning buses.

The television news read a letter from an unidentified writer calling China's best-known dissident, Fang Lizhi, a traitor and calling for his arrest. Fang and his wife took refuge in the US embassy this week. The media and soldiers bombarded residents with calls to support martial law and oppose so-called counter-revolutionaries blamed for the pro-democracy protests. Army trucks with loudspeakers drove through the streets proclaiming: "Our task is to protect social order... We want your understanding."

"There are plainclothes police everywhere," said one bicyclist, "No one dares to talk." The Soviet Union expressed surprise and "dismay" over Sunday's crackdown. US President Bush said the United States "can't have totally normal relations" with China until the protesters' rights are recognised.

In Hong Kong, lawmakers apprehensive about reversion to Chinese rule in 1997 under a treaty between Britain and China, said London has a "moral duty" to grant citizens of the British colony the right to resettle in Britain. More than 40,000 people

defied authorities and held a mass rally in Shanghai today to press for political reform and mourn victims of the military strike.

Students, many of them dressed in white — China's traditional colour of mourning — filed solemnly into Shanghai's People's Square just as the Army warned it would put an end to student unrest. The Nanking military region, which includes Shanghai, said troops would "quickly make preparations for stopping the turmoil and putting down the rebellion."

Occasional bursts of applause greeted the students as they marched, waving school flags and carrying pro-democracy banners. "The great democratic spirit will never die," proclaimed one banner. "Anger — anger — anger at the Army criminals," read another.

Students have vowed to make Shanghai the nerve centre of their cause. Some told reporters in Hong Kong by telephone they were striving to rebuild the nation-wide union shattered by last week's massacre. "We will fight on until the end," said a student identifying himself only as Wang from Shanghai's prestigious Fudan University.

Meanwhile, the Daily Mail of London reported today, the British government is ready to admit up to 250,000 people from Hong Kong.

The newspaper, in an unattributed report, said Thatcher was prepared to relax immigration rules after conferring yesterday with Hong Kong Governor Sir David Wilson on the anxiety in the colony.

Under a 1984 agreement between Britain and the Chinese government, Hong Kong will be handed over to China when the British lease expires in 1997 and the colony's citizens are alarmed about their possible fate.

The Daily Mail said Thatcher "has firmly rejected any annual quota system" for the 3.2 million Hong Kong citizens who are entitled to British passports but not permanent settlement in Britain. The colony's total population is 5.7 million.

Wilson told reporters he had asked for the right of entry to be extended to all British passport holders, but he said Thatcher had replied that an "open door" policy would cause "great political difficulties."

British Foreign Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe will visit Hong Kong in early June to assess problems confronting the British colony, the Foreign Office said today.

The US State Department confirmed the presence of dissident Fang Lizhi in the US embassy in Beijing, evidently against the wishes of Ambassador Lilley. CBS television reported yesterday. Lilley, interviewed in Beijing by CBS, refused to comment on whether Fang Lizhi, an astrophysicist who has been dubbed the "Andrei Sakharov of China," is staying at the embassy.

Japan, the largest donor of economic aid to China, announced today it has no intention of tying its aid to the process of democratisation and refused to directly condemn the shooting of civilians in Beijing.

Following its custom of non-involvement in domestic conflicts of other countries, Japan has been restrained in its response to the Chinese military crackdown on pro-democracy demonstrators in Beijing.

The government has jailed many dissidents and blocked demonstrations as part of a crackdown on the radicals following the deaths of the troops. Meanwhile, President Roh has decided not to hold a promised midterm referendum on his administration and will complete his full five-year term, the head of the government party said today.

Park Jyun-Kyo, chairman of the ruling Democratic Justice Party, told the Associated Press that Roh had ruled out any vote-of-confidence referendum because such a move could create political unrest.

"We're excluding any possibility of a national referendum on a confidence vote basis," Park said.

"The President is going to perform his duties up to the last day of his term. We feel that's what the majority of the people want," he added.

Park also said political unrest in China could encourage communist North Korea to block any moves towards liberalisation. He said gradual withdrawal of US forces from South Korea could begin in 1992 if the Seoul government is confident it can defend itself against the North.



A student cries out for help as plainclothes police try to carry him away from the scene of a demonstration in downtown Seoul yesterday. (Reuter wirephoto)

Police teargas students in Seoul

SEOUL, June 9. (AP) Police armoured vehicles fired tear-gas to break up a protest by 1,000 radical students at Yonsei University, and riot troopers raided another university in search of pro-communist literature.

The clash came after the government deployed some 20,000 riot police to block protests by radical students demanding to take part in the 13th World Youth Festival in the North Korean capital of Pyongyang.

Police searched students' campuses, checking for firebombs and anti-government literature, and about 300 students were arrested, according to a police official who requested anonymity.

At Yonsei University, about 1,000 chanting students tried to force their way past lines of riot police blocking the main gate. Riot troopers kicked and punched the protesters. Students hurled rocks at the police, and there were reports of minor injuries on both sides.

Earlier today, about 300 riot police in combat fatigues raided Sogang University in western Seoul to confiscate posters and literature on the July 1-8 festival. Police said firebombs were seized and two students arrested.

The government has banned plans for thousands of students to assemble at Yonsei University during the weekend. The students have asked North Korean representatives to come to Yonsei tomorrow for talks, even though the Korean border is sealed.

The government has said students won't be allowed to go to North Korea to take part in the festival. The two Koreas are bitter rivals who have clashed frequently over the years.

North Korea has invited South Korean students to attend the youth festival, an athletic and cultural festival attended mainly by non-aligned and communist nations. South Korea has accused the North of attempting to incite domestic unrest to weaken the Seoul government.

Radical South Korean students and dissidents have been calling for the fall of President Roh Tae-Woo's government, but they lack broad support because of their extreme views. The radicals have curbed their previously violent protests since seven riot policemen were killed in a clash on May 3, and most recent protests have been peaceful.

The government has jailed many dissidents and blocked demonstrations as part of a crackdown on the radicals following the deaths of the troops. Meanwhile, President Roh has decided not to hold a promised midterm referendum on his administration and will complete his full five-year term, the head of the government party said today.

Park Jyun-Kyo, chairman of the ruling Democratic Justice Party, told the Associated Press that Roh had ruled out any vote-of-confidence referendum because such a move could create political unrest.

"We're excluding any possibility of a national referendum on a confidence vote basis," Park said.

"The President is going to perform his duties up to the last day of his term. We feel that's what the majority of the people want," he added.

Park also said political unrest in China could encourage communist North Korea to block any moves towards liberalisation. He said gradual withdrawal of US forces from South Korea could begin in 1992 if the Seoul government is confident it can defend itself against the North.

How Li broke the 'Heart' of China

BEIJING (AP) It began with the slap of jogging feet on pavement. It was early Saturday, June 3, and thousands of young, unarmed soldiers moved into the capital. An impenetrable wall of citizens stopped them as they marched from the east and north toward Tiananmen Square, where students had been staging a huge sit-in for freedom and clean government since May 13.

"Please go back. We don't need you here," a high school teacher said. The soldiers, some beginning to cry, broke ranks and retreated in small, ragtag groups. Citizens escorted them out of Beijing, feeling they had scored an important victory over Communist rulers who had declared martial law but had been hesitant to enforce it.

On the other side of the capital, thousands more residents savoured another apparent victory. Two buses of soldiers and weapons were captured in the first military foray toward Tiananmen. Students entered the supply bus and triumphantly waved assault rifles out the windows. Others made impassioned speeches against the government to a widely approving crowd.

"We are peaceful students who love our country," said a young man with a white headband. "Why must the People's Army threaten the people with guns?" Jubilation reigned. But briefly. Within hours, hundreds lay dead on the streets of Beijing. Chinese citizens killed by their own revered People's Liberation Army. The movement for a freer nation was left in shambles.

Saturday, June 3: 2:00 pm (0600 GMT) — An Army broadcast warns students to return the weapons from the supply bus captured at the Liubu intersection, about a mile (kilometre) west of the 100-acre (40 hectare) Tiananmen Square. They ignore the warning. 2:10 pm (0610 GMT) — Riot police burst out from Zhongnanhai, headquarters of the Communist Party. They fire tear-gas in Beijing for the first time in Communist China's 40-year history.

Security forces wielding truncheons beat dozens of people mercilessly at the Liubu intersection. A woman falls down and policemen kick her. They grab her hair and beat her face with truncheons. The weapons are recovered. Demonstrators, their faces and chests bloodied, walk away in shock. A man with wounds to his head and back staggers down an alleyway. "My God, my God," he spits through shattered teeth. After seven weeks of peaceful protests, the government had lost its patience.

A mile (kilometre) away, also at 2:10 pm (0610 GMT), about 5,000 unarmed soldiers marched out of the Great Hall of the People, but were blocked from Tiananmen by throngs of students and a city bus. It was the closest soldiers had been to the Square since martial law was declared on May 20. "If you want to shoot, shoot me," screamed a 73-year-old woman in pajamas. "Just don't shoot the students."

The mood moved like the sea of people. At one stage, the soldiers sang military songs and the students applauded. But the hot day wore on and tempers flared. A few soldiers lashed out with their belts. Rocks, tree branches and beer bottles flew between the two sides, and several people were bloodied.

Fighting abated and the standoff continued until 8 pm (1200 GMT), when the soldiers returned to the Great Hall. Students shook their hands and patted them on the back. Half an hour later, thousands of people gathered on the bridge at Muxudi, the western gateway to the inner city. Crowds moved buses to block the bridge from massing troops.

The first wave of troops from the 27th Army charged toward the bridge at 10 pm (1400 GMT), firing tear-gas and swinging clubs. Burning rugs from a nearby apartment were thrown onto the bus barricades. A gas tank exploded, then another. The sky flickered orange and black. Bullets whistled and ricocheted. Tear gas canisters boomed.

"Fascists. Fascists," the crowd chanted. An hour later, at 11 pm (1500 GMT), the soldiers opened fire, aiming low. "Live fire. Live fire," a student shouted, moments after a bullet hit his leg.

Blood spilled into pools on the pavement, splattered the bridge at Muxudi. Gasoline bombs flew from the crowd at a tank. People surged around the tank, pulled two crewmen out and beat them senseless.

The civilians set the tank ablaze, with red flags reading "democracy" and "freedom" flapping from its turret. Midnight (1600 GMT) comes, and with it the first breakthrough. Armoured personnel carriers smash through the blockade and head east toward the Square.

"Clear the street. Clear the way," a medic yells. Bloodied residents, sprawled on three-wheeled pedicabs and howling with pain, are pushed up side streets. Ill-equipped doctors pound on chests and apply makeshift bandages. Their lips are red with blood from mouth-to-mouth resuscitation.

"He's gone; we've lost him," a medic yells as a man with a bullet hole in his chest gurgles and shakes. "This is my country," a man screams, pointing down the street where soldiers crouch and fire from the shadows.

A line of 50 military trucks plows through the crumpled roadblock. Soldiers fire into the air. A cleaning woman on the 14th floor is killed by gunfire and another woman is hit as she looks out from an eighth floor balcony.

An armoured personnel carrier careens along the north side of Tiananmen Square and is greeted by gasoline bombs. A second armoured vehicle turns up the west side of the Great Hall of the People and the crowd stops it by hurling chunks of concrete. People pound the armour with sticks and pelt it with rocks.

Sunday, June 4: 12:30 am (1630 GMT Saturday) — more soldiers approach early Sunday from the south, firing as they come. Thousands of people mass at the Tianqiao intersection, blocking it with carts, cars and furniture. Automatic weapons fire crackles in the darkness.

An 8-year-old boy is killed as he sleeps in his parents' restaurant on the corner and his parents, sobbing with sorrow and anger, hang his bloody blanket outside. 1 am (1700 GMT Saturday) — Four buses blaze at the Xidan intersection as a throng of thousands prepares for an assault by troops from the west.

"Make them pay for this invasion," a student yells. "Defend the capital against this running dogs." Some armoured cars break through the roadblock. Soldiers and civilians battle to the east and west of the intersection. A command jeep is attacked and overturned.

An officer emerges from the jeep and fires into the crowd, killing four people, then burns body and bang it on a blazing bus. Soldiers take up positions on the southwest corner of the square. Angry crowds surround them.

A column of several thousand soldiers enters from the southeast, jogging to positions along the eastern side next to the history museum. Students spot the approaching soldiers and race forward to do battle with sticks and bars. After brief skirmishes, the soldiers fall back across the street.

4:00 am (2000 GMT Saturday) — The lamp posts the dot the square go dark. Strains of the internationale, the socialist anthem, blare from student loudspeakers. A singer from Taiwan on a hunger strike for democracy takes the microphone and proclaims: "We've achieved a big victory. ... We're not afraid to die, but we've already lost too much blood."

4:35 am (2035 GMT Saturday) — The lights go back on and the students vote by voice to leave. It is a close and heartbreaking decision. And so, near dawn on Sunday, it was over, the historic occupation of the square broken. Thousands of students filed out under the banners of their schools, which had fluttered above the square during the 22-day sit-in for a freer China.

Students held hands as they left. Many sobbed. "Go with us," they said to applauding Beijing residents. Some shouted defiantly, "we shall return." Others flashed the V-for-victory sign, one of the symbols of the movement.

Tanks rumbled into the square. One crushed the goddess of democracy, the students' 33-foot (10-metre) styrofoam figure that looked something like the Statue of Liberty in New York. Dozens of armed soldiers secured the martyrs' monument and thousands more sealed the entrances to the square.

Tiananmen, the heart of China, was under military control. As they marched away at 6 am (2200 GMT Saturday), students chanted: "Down with fascists. Down with violence." An armoured personnel carrier followed on Chang'an Avenue, Beijing's main boulevard. It sped into the rear ranks as if to make students move faster.

Seven were crushed to death and four seriously injured. Other students trying to help their classmates were kept back by tear gas and bullets. At 7:30 am (2330 GMT Saturday), convoys of soldiers move up and down Chang'an Avenue, firing randomly, killing or wounding several people.

A doctor and two nurses said at least 500 people had been killed and estimates rose to 3,600 within days. The government said 300 were killed, most of them soldiers. "My government has gone crazy," the doctor said, fingering his bloody gown. "This is the blood of China."

At 2 pm (0600 GMT), the bodies of nearly two dozen people shot down by advancing troops at Muxudi lay haphazardly on the floor of Fuxing hospital.

Hitting the big time

Yazz: pop's most eye-catching star



At five feet, eleven inches Yazz (nee Yasmin Evans) is thrilling audience with her special brand of music, energy and outrageously hip outfits

By Marina Shamoon
GANGLY singer Yazz is pop's most eye-catching star. And her style is all her own. From her short-cropped bleached-blond hair to her hot-pink baseball boots.

With a yard-wide grin on her face and wearing what looks like a mop on her head when she goes on stage, Yazz is hardly your image-conscious star. But she leaves behind contemporaries like teeny bopper's darling Kylie Minogue and pouting Kim Wilde.

Yazz's private life has a touch of unconventionality about it too. Born Yasmin Evans of a Jamaican father and English

mother, Yazz married her manager Jazz Summers two-and-a-half years ago. And she managed to keep it a secret.

With her phenomenal chart success of *Stand Up For Your Rights* and *The Only Way Is Up*, she splashed out £200,000 for a place of her own in London's trendy Hampstead, near the £350,000 two-bedroomed house she sometimes shares with husband Jazz.

Inevitably, this arrangement has fuelled speculation that the couple's marriage is on the rocks. But this could not be further from the truth. Yazz has not fallen out with her 44-year-old husband.

The reason is a professional one. The bubbly singer wants somewhere to retreat when she is churning out her chart-topping songs.

Flashing her famous smile, she dismisses the reports with a brush of the hand.

"Stories that Jazz and I have split up are rubbish," she says. "I need somewhere to write my songs. It was impossible to do it at home because Jazz was attending to his own day-to-day business."

"So when a house in the same street became available, I jumped at it. I use it as an office. I can take the phone off the hook when I want to be alone to concentrate

on my music.

"It's a great arrangement because nobody can live and work together for 24 hours each and every day."

The set up also suits husband Jazz very well. He does not think it at all unusual. "It's actually very civilised," he explains. "We don't have to be under each other's feet all the time. But we can get together when neither of us is tied up with our own thing."

"Yazz writes music and you can't have pianos and musical instruments and things in the bedroom. When I'm doing business I can be very noisy, too. Yelling down the phone to someone in New York while she's trying to watch the telly."

Just as well there are no children around the house. And as much as Yazz would like to be a mother, starting a family does not figure in her plans in the near future.

The 28-year-old singer says: "I love children, I absolutely adore them. The thing is that I love what I'm doing as well and I think you need to have a real sense of responsibility when you have children."

Her latest record, *Where Has All The Love Gone* is riding high in the UK charts. And Yazz plans to continue dominating the British music scene. Singing and doing her stuff on stage, with husband Jazz in the background taking care of business, makes the couple a winning combination.

Yazz says: "It's great having him near me. When I'm working, I still see him every day."

Difficult

"In a business sense, it can be difficult. It's hard for him to let me make mistakes because he loves me. We argue at least once every day. But it is always about work and never about how we feel about each other."

For two years the couple hid their love from everyone but themselves. So it came as a shock when it leaked out that Yazz had married Jazz in a romantic beach ceremony in Jamaica.

The dynamic duo met three years ago when Yazz was a stylist for superstar George Michael and Jazz was co-manager of Wham with Simon Napier Bell.

Yazz agreed to keep her

marriage a secret because Jazz was worried that showbusiness cynics would think that he launched her musical career out of a purely personal interest in her.

But Yazz has proved she is talented in her own right. Her single *The Only Way Is Up* was Britain's best-selling record of 1988.

The tawny song and dance girl has not always been so successful. She went through a string of jobs from which she was either sacked or resigned.

She got the chop from London Transport, the Post Office and a London club where she worked as a DJ. But each time Yazz lost a job, she would just pick herself up and start again.

Crossing her spaghetti-slim legs, Yazz explains how supportive her parents have been. She says: "I've had so many nine-to-five jobs that every time I left or was fired, my parents would say, 'Well, we hope you've learned from this one.' They never pressured me to go in one direction."

Gratitude

To show her gratitude, Yazz dedicated her single *The Only Way Is Up* to her loving parents. She also treated them to a dream holiday in her father's native Jamaica.

Named Yasmin after Rita Hayworth's daughter with Prince Aly Khan, Yazz took a gamble on the music business. At 5ft 11 inches she was a now on the catwalk. She turned down a £40,000 modelling contract with a German fashion house to concentrate on her singing.

Since then, this sun-kissed captivator has not looked back. Yazz spent two years learning the ins and outs of her craft.

"I feel that as an artist I have a responsibility," she says. "I have a public voice and I would like to use it." That is not just a publicity stunt. For example, Yazz donated money from her concert in Sheffield, England to the fund in aid of Hillsborough disaster victims, after the soccer horror in which 95 Liverpool fans died while watching their team play Nottingham Forest.

Recently, Yazz wanted to go one step further than just giving money to help a good cause. The golden girl of pop offered her own solution to stop apartheid in



Yazz: unconventional

South Africa. She was prepared to pose naked for a centre-fold in *Playboy*.

"It was nothing," she boasts. "When I was a model I was approached to do nude stuff all the time."

Yazz plans to make a charity record for the environmental pressure group ARK, possibly a duet with another star but her ultimate wish is to direct a film starring favourite actor Mickey Rourke.

Meantime, she is thrilling audiences with her special brand of music, energy and outrageously hip outfits.

Jason Donovan seals it on UK charts

LONDON, (AP): Australian singer-actor Jason Donovan soared from off the charts to number one on the British pop singles chart this week with his new hit, *Sealed With A Kiss*.

Back To Life by Soul II Soul and Caron Wheeler made its first appearance on the charts in third place, and Cliff Richard's *The Best Of Me* started off at fourth.

Natalie Cole held onto second spot with *Miss You Like Crazy*.

Ferry's *Cross The Mersey*, the song recorded by Liverpool singers to raise money for a fund established after 95 local soccer fans were killed, fell to seventh place after three weeks at the top.

Top ten UK

This week's top 10 singles, as listed by Our Price Music Ltd., the national music retail chain, with last week's placings in parentheses:

1. (-) Sealed With A Kiss — Jason Donovan (PWL).
2. (2) Miss You Like Crazy — Natalie Cole (EMI USA).
3. (-) Back To Life — Soul II Soul and Caron Wheeler (10 Records).
4. (-) The Best Of Me — Cliff Richard (EMI).
5. (3) Manchild — Neneh Cherry (Circa).
6. (6) Express Yourself — Madonna (Sire).
7. (1) Ferry's *Cross The Mersey* — Various Artists (PWL).
8. (13) Sweet Child O' Mine — Guns n' Roses (Geffen).
9. (4) On The Inside — Lynne Hamilton (A1).
10. (11) I Don't Want To Get Hurt — Donna Summer (Warner Brothers).

In New York *Wind Beneath My Wings* carried Bette Midler to the top of the pop singles record charts in the United States. The new disc soared from fifth place a week ago.

Donny Osmond's *Soldier Of Love* stayed on for the second week in a row in second spot on the Cash Box magazine chart. Last week's number one hit *Rock On* by Michael Damian, slipped to third.

Real Love by Jody Watley toppled to eighth position from third last week.

Two newcomers to the top 10 list were *Good Thing* by the Fine Young Cannibals, up from 18th to 9th, and "Buffalo Stance" by Neneh Cherry, up from 16th to 10th.

Top ten US

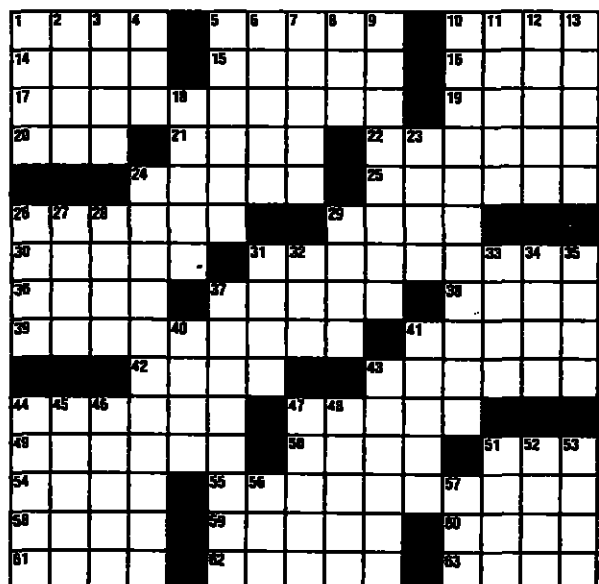
The top 10 pop singles, as rated by Cash Box magazine, with last week's positions in brackets:

1. (5) Wind Beneath My Wings — Bette Midler (Atlantic).
2. (2) Soldier Of Love — Donny Osmond (Capitol).
3. (1) Rock On — Michael Damian (Cypress).
4. (4) Patience — Guns n' Roses (Geffen).
5. (7) Satisfaction — Richard Marx (EMI).
6. (8) Every Little Step — Bobby Brown (MCA).
7. (10) I'll Be Loving You (Forever) — New Kids on the Block (Columbia).
8. (3) Real Love — Jody Watley (MCA).
9. (18) Good Thing — Fine Young Cannibals (I.R.S.).
10. (16) Buffalo Stance — Neneh Cherry (Virgin).

The top 10 country-western singles, as rated by Cash Box magazine, with last week's positions in brackets:

1. (5) She Don't Love Nobody — The Desert Rose Band (MCA-Curb).
2. (2) Where Did I Go Wrong — Steve Wariner (MCA).
3. (6) I Don't Want To Spoil The Party — Rosanne Cash (Columbia).
4. (4) The Gospel According To Luke — Skip Ewing (MCA).
5. (1) I Got You — Dwight Yoakam (Warner Brothers).
6. (8) Better Man — Clint Black (RCA).
7. (11) Love Out Loud — Earl Thomas Conley (RCA).
8. (12) They Rave On — Dan Seals (Capitol).
9. (3) After All This Time — Rodney Crowell (Columbia).
10. (7) I'll Had You — Alabama (RCA).

TODAY'S CROSSWORD



- ACROSS**
- 1 Sail to windward
 - 5 Part of AES
 - 10 Aqueduct rider, for short
 - 14 Hemingway's "The Sun — Rises"
 - 15 Barkley et al.
 - 16 Mid-east country
 - 17 "Rocky Mountain High" man
 - 19 — majesty
 - 20 Body or way beginner
 - 21 Buffalo's lake
 - 22 Remove by erosion
 - 24 A Jackson
 - 25 Nullifies
 - 26 Display certainty
 - 29 Winglike
 - 30 Fred's partner
 - 31 Precautionary injection
 - 36 Riefenstahl of German films
 - 37 Syngman and kin
 - 38 Typesetting machine, for short
 - 39 Business groups
 - 41 Oliver Twist was one
 - 42 "Le Roi d'Ys" composer
 - 43 "Moonlight" —
 - 44 Copenhagen's amusement park
 - 47 "— to the wise..."
 - 49 Actress MacMahon et al.
 - 50 Gourmet treat from France
- DOWN**
- 11 Camp bed
 - 54 Not forceful
 - 55 "Fanny" composer
 - 58 — Alto
 - 59 Related on the mother's side
 - 60 So be it
 - 61 Indian Ocean
 - 62 Nucleated—
 - 63 Drove DOWN
 - 1 — California
 - 2 College in North Carolina
 - 3 Grayish
 - 4 Heavy weight
 - 5 Unwilling
 - 6 Patron saint of France
 - 7 Slight from a Mississippi steamer
 - 8 Imitate
 - 9 Citizens of Haifa
 - 10 Mrs. Charles Bronson
 - 11 Mountain nymph
 - 12 Social status
 - 13 Leg joints
 - 18 Farm implement inventor
 - 23 Le Sage hero
 - 24 Actress/singer from Santa Rosa, Cal.
 - 26 "— Har"
 - 27 Place of bliss
 - 28 Transmitted
 - 29 Functions: Suffix
 - 31 Surprised exclamation
 - 32 The bottom line

GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF
EXCEPTION PROVES THE RULE

East-West vulnerable. West deals.

NORTH

6
8
A Q J 10 9 8
A J 7 6 4

WEST

A 10 9 7 5
Q 6 5 3
Void
9 5 2

EAST

K 8 4 3
K 4
K 7 6 5 3
K 8

SOUTH

Q J 2
J 10 9 7 2
4 2
Q 10 3

The bidding:

West	North	East	South
1 ♠	2 NT	3 ♣	5 ♠
3 ♥	Pass	4 ♠	Pass
Pass	Pass	Dbt	Pass
Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: Five of ♠

If there is one rubric we would have asserted should never be broken, it would have been: "Don't underlead an ace against a suit contract." Then this deal came along.

North's hand is what we would consider typical for the Unusual No Trump convention, which shows a two-suited hand in the minors. When East-West reached a spade game, South elected to sacrifice in five clubs. With what was probably a useless king of clubs, East wisely elected to double rather than bid on.

West got his side off to a brilliant start by leading his lowest spade. When East's king won, he had little difficulty working out why his partner had started the attack by underleading his ace. He returned the

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YOUR STARS

- Aries (March 20 - April 18)**
- You should not rely on guess work nor on others doing just what you would wish them to do. Make sure you keep your promises and meet your commitments. Do not delay paying your debts. Be patient.
- Taurus (April 19 - May 19)**
- You will find it a little difficult to understand the instructions on a new gadget, but in the end you will succeed. If you go out of your way to help a friend he will be most grateful.
- Gemini (May 20 - June 20)**
- If you are putting on weight you are eating too much — cut down. Be especially careful when on the road walking or driving. This is no time to take any needless chances — play safe. Be considerate.
- Cancer (June 21 - July 21)**
- If you do not smoke do not start if you do cut down. You are likely to tire easily so do what is most important first. Listen carefully to what others are saying. Be tolerant.
- Leo (July 22 - Aug 21)**
- You will tend to feel rather listless and will have to make an extra effort to get moving. Make sure your diet contains enough vitamins and not eat too many sweet and starchy foods. You should stand up for yourself. Be reasonable.
- Virgo (Aug 22 - Sept 21)**
- You should avoid doing anything that does not accord with your principles. A few changes will have to be made, but you should think about them carefully. Your lucky numbers are 3 and 26.
- Libra (Sept 22 - Oct 22)**
- Once you have made up your mind do not dither. Make sure you do not spend a sum you expect to get until it is actually in your possession. You should have the courage of your convictions. Be loyal.
- Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21)**
- Stick to the point, but do change the subject if the person you are with feels strongly about it. Listen carefully but do not believe all you hear. If you are learning a skill or a language remember the importance of practice. Be fair.
- Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)**
- Avoid continuing to do something merely out of habit, but do not make changes just for the sake of change. Do not allow some small setback to discourage you.
- Capricorn Dec 22 - Jan 19**
- If you try to get your way in all things you will not succeed. You should try to find a little more time to read and pursue your cultural interests. Make sure you get all the rest you need, but not succumb to laziness. Be magnanimous.
- Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 18)**
- You will be a little short on ideas, never mind it will not last long. Something you started a while ago will now begin to show results. You would be quite wrong to rely on luck to get you out of trouble. Be moderate.
- Pisces (Feb 19 - March 19)**
- There is no point in delaying something that will have to be done sooner or later. Take your partner's wishes more fully into account. Things are not as simple as they appear, but nor should you exaggerate the difficulties.

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

ANAB MINUS ABBE
ROPE ANENT TOOL
TWENTYFOURHOURS
SEX EDEN AUNTIE
NEAR IDEE
CANOPY EDDY SAT
ELATE AXIAL CARE
DANCE OF THE HOURS
ARCH PIRO EPCOT
RYE SERA SCREWS
PONE WEKA
SPREAD BELL EAU
HOURS OF IDLENESS
ALSO ORAGE ARES
GLEN RISER BOAR

Harrison Ford rides again ... for the last time

Indiana Jones and the tinsel town turn-off

By Alex Molloy

ACTION man Harrison Ford is back. The star of *Raiders of the Lost Ark* is set to hit screens this summer in his latest blockbusting, action-packed adventure story, *Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom*.

The Stephen Spielberg movie, which also stars former 007 Sean Connery as Indiana's father, promises to be just as thrilling as its predecessors.

It is bound to add to Ford's reputation as one of the great box-office draws of the decade. His last 10 movies have raked in a staggering £500 million.

This time, though, we will see a new Indiana Jones. Ford claims he is not the all-brain-and-no-brains hero of the previous films. "There's a new fullness to the character," he says. "He's a three-dimensional figure."

"You feel you know him much more than before. Up to now, he was simply a mystery adventurer with no real past or future. Not this time."

The movie's plot centres around Indiana and his father fighting Nazis and Turks for a great secret weapon that will tilt the balance of World War Two. "We filmed on locations from Colorado to Spain to Jordan," says Ford. "Jordan was the one place I didn't take my wife and kid along. It would have been too tough for them. Otherwise where I go, they go."

He is married to writer Melissa Matheson, who did the screenplay for *ET*. They have been together for six years and have a toddler son, Malcolm.

Although Ford looks set to go down in the movie history books as one of Tinseltown's greatest heart-throbs, he claims to be a man of simple tastes.

He prefers the company of Melissa, Malcolm and his two other sons from a previous marriage (Willard, 17, and 19-year-old Benjamin) to the glitz and glamour of the Hollywood scene.

Home is either an 800-acre ranch in Wyoming or a modest house (by his neighbour's standards) in Beverly Hills — so modest, in fact, that his elder sons complain there is no room for them to practise basketball.



Ford in the latest Indiana Jones adventure film.

"I've tasted the fruits of success," says the actor. "I've sat at the movie mogul's table and tasted what's to be had there. It's a rich diet — but it's not always satisfying and it isn't healthy always to eat like that."

The last luxury I had was a Porsche and that was more than 10 years ago. Anyway, I've gotten rid of it. Now I drive an old pick-up truck.

"I don't stay indoors all the time. I'm not a hermit, for Heaven's sake. There are occasions when I can be compelled to attend some kind of social function for something or someone I believe in."

"But no-one needs to be part of that circus they call the Hollywood scene. It's a fallacy that you have to be."

"It's a bull that it has helped anyone. In this game, you can take or leave that kind of stuff. I leave it, thank you very much."

Forgets

Ford even claims there are times when he really forgets he is a famous star.

"I have this funny thing that happens to me. When I see famous people on the street, I turn away so as not to embarrass them by staring."

"But sometimes it is someone I know, only I've forgotten I know them. I think I'm only imagining I know them because they are famous."

"Jack Nicholson has been a friend for 15 years but, every time I see him, my instinct is to turn away to preserve his privacy. I have to remind myself that I can't do that — I do know Jack and I've got to say hi."

Despite his impressive list of credits, including *Star Wars*, *Witness*, *The Mosquito Coast* and *Blade Runner*, the public probably knows him best as the indestructible Indiana Jones.

But Ford himself isn't sure. "The Indiana films are only three out of 20 in my repertoire," he says, "and I don't feel the public's affection for me is that closely associated with the character."

"That's demonstrably apparent to me because I've been able to do these other roles amongst the Indiana Jones films."

"I won't say 'in between' the Indiana films because they don't figure that significantly. Certainly the success of the first film was a benchmark in my career but, since then, the other things I have done have been more important to my progress as a professional."

"I want to be known as an actor, not a star. I want to be recognised for the job I do, which is acting. I get paid money for that, not for being a movie star."

"The business of being a star and doing what is necessary to remain one, promoting yourself as a fascinating personality, is something I'm inadequate to do. I don't consider myself unique. I just work in the movie business."

"I look for something different in each project, for the stimulation and the challenge that it offers. I get locked into the whole film, I can't walk away until it is completely over. It is a great relief then, when it is finally finished."

"One always stumbles into stardom. Actors are ruled by circumstance. In a perfect world, no-one would make as much money. In practical terms, if one is judged on the value that one has to an enterprise, I feel quite comfortable raking it in."

"My favourite compliment is 'You're worth the money.' I try to give



Harrison Ford: one of the great box office draws of the decade.

value for money. People would not pay me the amount they do. I felt someone with less experience would serve them as well."

Ford was born to an Irish Catholic father and a Russian mother. He grew up in Chicago. After he graduated from high school, he went to college in Wisconsin and studied English literature and philosophy.

But college gave him his first taste of acting. "It scared me to death to get up in front of a whole bunch of people," he remembers.

"That was the most challenging thing in my young life. I realised through my junior year, I realised acting was a career choice and came up with a suitable alternative."

After college, he married his childhood sweetheart, Mary. But TV followed, then he decided to give up acting and did a short stint as a carpenter.

"The reason I became a carpenter was because I was afraid I was doing the same kind of part over and over again," he says.

"I wanted to be in control of my own career and life. I determined to find another way of making money, to pay for my rent. To be able to choose, that is a luxury."

Then came his lucky break — he was cast as Hans Solo in *Star Wars*. More offers followed and the money started to roll in, but his marriage to Mary was under a great strain.

"Success began to come between me and Mary more and more. I will never forgive it for that," he says. The couple divorced, but on friendly terms.

Look out for Long John Silver

Ben Hur lands up in Treasure Island



Charlton Heston as Long John Silver



Fraser Heston (right) on location with father Charlton.

By Gary Jenkins

CHARLTON HESTON and his son Fraser have gone back 30 years to the days when they shared together the adventures of cabin boy Jim Hawkins on *Treasure Island*.

They are making a film of Robert Louis Stevenson's adventure story, with Heston as the one-legged pirate, Long John Silver, and Fraser making his debut as a director.

Treasure Island was the first bedtime story that Heston read to the young Fraser. Now they are having just as much fun filming it in Jamaica. Heston, rigged out in a pirate outfit that makes him look even bigger than his 6ft 4in, declares there are no problems working with the family.

"People seem to think that there are pitfalls in a blood relationship in a creative undertaking, but I would say quite the opposite," he said.

"That is presuming that you have a positive relationship. If you are being directed by the woman you are about to divorce, it would be difficult, I suppose."

There is no doubt that he is proud of his son: "Fraser has intelligence, energy, talent and luck I can trust. He has been around very good actors all his life. I think that has instilled an understanding of actors in him."

Heston's *Long John Silver* is far removed from the last screen version by Robert Newton in a 1950s Disney film of *Treasure Island*.

"I intend my *Long John* to be frightening, certainly the most frightening character I have played," said 63-year-old Heston.

The film has never been done seriously before, and Silver has never been played by a physically formidable man before, which Stevenson was very specific about. There is not a lot of good in Silver. He is a con man, a thug and a murderer. It is certainly a departure from playing El Cid, Moses and Sir Thomas More."

Fraser, 34, made his acting debut at the age of three, as the baby Moses in Cecil B. de Mille's *Ten Commandments* — and almost drowned in the bullrushes when his cradle filled with water. He has since heeded his father's advice and concentrated on life on the other side of the camera.

Lost: licence to thrill

JAMES BOND has lost his licence to thrill millions of kids with his daring exploits.

The tough new 007 played by rugged actor Timothy Dalton is too violent for the censors in the UK.

They have banned children under 15 from seeing his movie *Licence To Kill* which will be given its royal premiere in front of Charles and Dian in London next month.

The British film censors could have given it a PG certificate.



Timothy Dalton: too violent

Jumbo jet blown up to boost ratings

Reynolds explosion



Action Man: Burt Reynolds

BURT Reynolds wanted his TV series to end with a bang. So he blew up a jumbo jet.

The spectacular stunt cost nearly £500,000. But Burt reckons it will be money well spent if it puts B.J. Stryker, his all-action US series, back on top in the ratings.

The show, due to be screened later this year, has been a bit of a challenge for Burt, 53.

He has put on a pound or two lately. "And you can only hold your stomach in for so many years," he says with a grin. He is smarting from being upstaged by Colombo, the cross-eyed cop in the crumpled mac, played by Peter Falk.

More than £2 million has been splashed out on the final two episodes of Burt's show in a desperate attempt to put him back on top.

"He was very keen to see the plane go up in smoke," said one TV executive.

"Otherwise his TV career might have done."



The jumbo jet stands on the tarmac just seconds before explosion.



With a terrifying roar, the plane explodes into a fireball at climax of a US TV series.

Summer box office battles

Batman vs the sequels

By Matthew Heller

LOS ANGELES. (Reuters): The year's biggest movie box office battle could be between *Batman* and the sequels.

The crime-fighting Batman, famous from comic books and television serials, squares off in his motion picture debut against an Army of sequels in the fight for filmgoer's dollars during the peak summer US movie season.

Indiana Jones, *The Ghostbusters*, and captain Kirk of the *Starship Enterprise* are all hoping to repeat past box-office successes and outgun *Batman* as the summer's number one film.

Industry analysts are predicting record business at cinemas, and studio marketers have been busy for months trying to ensure they are right.

Last summer US moviegoers spent a record 1.6 billion dollars at the box office. Phil Garfinkle, senior vice-president of entertainment data, said the sequels alone this summer should reap between \$600 million and \$800 million.

"It has the potential to be at least a near-record summer," he said.

First out of the starting gate this year was *Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom*, the third in the series that began with *Raiders of the Lost Ark*.

By opening earlier, the film's distributor, is hoping to get a head start on the big guns to follow this month *Batman* and *Ghostbusters II*.

The makers of *Batman* are obviously counting on matching the success of other comic book characters, such as Superman, who have been transplanted to the big screen.

The film boasts spectacular special effects.

Michael Keaton as Batman and Jack Nicholson as the role of his mortal enemy, the Joker.

Moreover, the promotional blitz for *Batman* perhaps the biggest of all among the summer releases. *Batman* shirts, video games, walkie-talkies and boxer shorts are on their way to shops. "We will be able to ride in a replica of Batman's batmobile."

The *Ghostbusters* sequel features the same stars for the first film, including Bill Murray, Akroyd and Sigourney Weaver. The original was the most successful comedy of all time, grossing \$220 million.

Even half that amount could assure the film's distributor, Columbia Pictures. The studio has struggled through senior management upheavals, a series of box-office flops and the fact that its parent company, Coca-Cola, is looking for a buyer.

"They certainly need a highly visible reestablish some credibility at the studio," analyst Jeffrey Logsdon of Crowell Wood Co. "They've an excellent vehicle to do."

Ghostbusters.

The list of other sequels is so long that it is difficult to list them all. As prominent at movie theatres as popcorn.

They include "star trek v: The Final Frontier", *Lethal Weapon II*, *The Karate Kid Part II*, *MacArthur*, *On Elm Street 5: The Dream Child*, *Friday The 13th, Part VIII*. There is also the original James Bond, who is returning for his 16th film, *Licence to Kill*.

Scorsese, De Niro Reunion

DIRECTOR Martin Scorsese and actor Robert De Niro will hold a reunion for the production of *Good Fellas*, a new movie for Warner Bros.

The film is an adaptation of Nicholas Pileggi's book *Wiseguy*, a true account of a Half-Irish, half-Sicilian Brooklyn kid "adopted" by an underworld gang.

Good Fellas is the sixth collaboration between Scorsese and De Niro. Their previous films were *Mean Streets*, *Taxi Driver*, *New York, New York*, *Raging Bull* and *The King of Comedy*.

Dudley Moore Subs

DUDLEY Moore has replaced John Malkovich in *Crazy People*, film being directed by Tony Bill for producer Thomas Bard.

Moore joins a cast that includes Daryl Hannah, Paul Reiser and J.T. Walsh in the story of a frazzled ad executive who insists on truth in advertising.

Malkovich left the picture after it was announced there were artistic differences.

Glenn Close Plays 'Hamlet'

GLENN Close has been signed to star with Mel Gibson in Franco Zeffirelli's production of "Hamlet".

Close, who won an Oscar for her role in *Fatal Attraction* last year, will play the role of Gertrude in the film scheduled for production in Europe next spring.

Dyson Lovell will produce *Hamlet*. He also produced *The Champ*, which Zeffirelli directed, and was involved in Zeffirelli's production of *Romeo and Juliet*.

'Triumph' wraps

Principal photography has wrapped on *Triumph of the Spirit*, produced by Oscar-winner Arnold Kopelson, starring Willem Dafoe, who also starred for Kopelson in *Platoon*.

Co-starring in the story of a Greek boxing champion interned at Auschwitz are Edward James Olmos and Robert Loggia. The film began production last February on location in Auschwitz, Poland, the first major motion picture to film almost entirely on location in the historic World War II death camp.

Digital Astaire

A collection of the songs of singer-dancer-actor Fred Astaire, digitally remastered from his 1935-1940 work on the Brunswick label, has hit the stores as part of the *Columbia Year Series*.

The double-length set will include six previously unreleased tracks, including *Who Cares?* and *Just Like Taking Candy From a Baby* with the Benny Goodman orchestra, featuring Lionel Hampton and Charlie Christian.

Between 1935 and 1940, Astaire starred in seven classic movie musicals (five with Ginger Rogers) and introduced more great popular standards than any previous performer. More than two-thirds of the 36 songs in the collection made the pop charts, including seven No. 1 hits and 13 in the top 10.

Coppola's 'Napoleon'

FILMMAKER Francis Ford Coppola will again present the silent film epic "Napoleon," accompanied by the American symphony orchestra under the direction of his father, Carmine Coppola.

The 4 1/2-hour movie will be shown in the evening at radio city music hall June 20-24 and a matinee is scheduled June 25. Previous presentations were at radio city in 1981 and 1982. The version shown was assembled by film historian Kevin Brownlow and Robert Harris from destroyed prints and new footage.

During its four separate engagements in 1981 and 1982, "Napoleon" broke all radio city box office records with more than 100,000 people attending.

EVENTS

KTV I weekly highlights

- SATURDAY, JUNE 10,**
 9.30 Ifah Ya Simsim: Children programme
 10.15 Hikayat Sakhatat: Arabic serial (Part 7). Starring Aida Abdul Aziz, Hala Sudqi, Jamal Ismael, Zahra Al Ula
 11.15 Al Zab Wa Ayoun Al Madinah: Arabic serial (Part 7)
 12.15 Min Ajal Ghadi: Arabic serial (Part 2). Starring Ahsan Sadiq, Mishal Thabit, Saad Rashdan and Badar Haddad.
 1.30 Flouma: Cartoon serial
 2.15 Abu Awadh: Arabic serial (Part 7)
 3.30 Bibi Folk Calmiro: Cartoon serial
 4.00 Foreign film: The Secret of Dorian Gray.
 8.15 Al Amn Wa El Muwatat: Local programme
 9.45 Ili Ma'a Qursh: Daily Arabic serial (Part 2)
 10.35 Nawarab: Arabic late night play. Starring Hamad Ahmad, Sana Yunis, Samah Al Saraiti, Ahsan Al Qalawi.
SUNDAY, JUNE 11,
 10.15 Hikayat Sakhatat: Arabic serial (Part 8)
 11.15 Al Zab Wa Ayoun Al Madinah: Arabic serial (Part 8)
 12.20 That's Incredible: Foreign programme
 1.30 Flouma: Cartoon serial
 2.15 Abu Awadh: Arabic serial (Part 8)
 3.30 Bibi Folk Calmiro: Cartoon serial
 4.00 Foreign film: The Secret of Dorian Gray.
 8.15 Al Amn Wa El Muwatat: Local programme
 9.45 Ili Ma'a Qursh: Daily Arabic serial (Part 2)
 10.35 Nawarab: Arabic late night play. Starring Hamad Ahmad, Sana Yunis, Samah Al Saraiti, Ahsan Al Qalawi.
MONDAY, JUNE 12,
 9.30 Ifah Ya Simsim: Children programme
 10.15 Hikayat Sakhatat: Arabic serial (Part 9)
 11.15 Al Zab Wa Ayoun Al Madinah: Arabic serial (Part 9)
 12.20 That's Incredible: Foreign programme
 1.30 Flouma: Cartoon serial
 2.15 Abu Awadh: Arabic serial (Part 9)
 3.30 Bibi Folk Calmiro: Cartoon serial
 4.00 Foreign film: The Secret of Dorian Gray.
 8.15 Al Amn Wa El Muwatat: Local programme
 9.45 Ili Ma'a Qursh: Daily Arabic serial (Part 2)
 10.35 Nawarab: Arabic late night play. Starring Hamad Ahmad, Sana Yunis, Samah Al Saraiti, Ahsan Al Qalawi.

This week on KTV 2

- 6.00 Holy Quran
 6.10 Dima the Menace: cartoon serial
 6.30 Scientific Eye: looks at life around us from the scientific point of view.
 7.00 In the Wild: "Lake Argyle." Tonight's episode examines life in an artificial lake in Australia.
 7.30 Sea Hunt: "Underwater Park." Dr. Mike searches for a sea bed to be developed as a nature reserve.
 8.00 News in English
 8.40 Murder, She Wrote: "Coal Miner's Slaughter." Morgan, a company president, is accused of committing murder 10 years ago. Later, he is killed. Molly, a lawyer, is charged with Morgan's murder. Starring: Angela Lansbury.
 9.30 Nature Watch: "Cray Fish and Crab Shell."
 10.00 You Can't Take It With You: "Romeo and Alice." Alice's boyfriend brings his family to meet Alice and her parents. The meeting turns out to be disaster.
 10.30 Best-Seller: "Nancy Wakefield." Part 2. Nancy is smuggled out of France; Her husband is arrested by the Gestapo. Will Nancy return to France?
 12.00 News Summary/Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown
MONDAY, JUNE 12
 6.00 Holy Quran
 6.10 Bionic Star: cartoon series
 6.30 Wild America: "Remarkable Reptiles." A look at reptiles in the forests of North America.
 7.00 Roving Report: weekly roundup of world and regional affairs.
 7.30 Charles-In-Charge: "Lillian Puts A Round." Charles' mother pays a surprise visit.
 8.00 News in English
 8.40 Paradise: "The Stray Bullet." The owner of a bank is hit by a bullet; and the detective investigates.
 9.30 277: "Blues." Brenda receives a gift of blues music from her grandfather. Comedy.
 10.00 Alfred Hitchcock Presents: "Hunted." Part 2. Edward Woodward plays the "hunter" who takes a hostage in a high-rise building.
 10.30 French Series: One Cop, One Judge. "Le Dragoneur." A police officer is assigned to find evidence against a prominent personality, allegedly, involved in smuggling.
 12.00 News Summary/Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown
TUESDAY, JUNE 13
 6.00 Holy Quran
 6.10 The Pink Panther and Son: cartoon series
 6.30 Captain Power: "The Intruder." Col. Nathan sneaks aboard a ship and enters the Power base, annoying Captain Power and his team.
 7.00 Documentary
 8.00 News in English
 8.40 The Fourth Arm: the continuing story of English spies infiltrating German Strongholds in France.
 9.30 Manual of Omaha: "Sharks."
 10.00 Everything's Relative: "It Had to be You and You." Brotherly love turns to sibling rivalry after Julian starts dating Sheila, who was once involved with Scott. Comedy. Starring: John Bolger, Anne Jackson, Jason Alexander.
 10.30 Midnight Caller: "The Bank Job." Jack Killian, a radio show host, is offered a job through competition. Starring: Gary Cole.

JICME to carry out Saudi survey

THE Joint Industry Committee on Media Research in the Middle East (JICME) management committee met — in London on May 12, to discuss which research agencies would be commissioned to carry out the first Saudi survey. Like in the past meetings, the UAE Chapter of the "International Advertising Association" was represented by a delegate who flew in especially for the occasion.

Following this meeting, the committee has announced that the contract for the Saudi fieldwork, subject to satisfactory final negotiations, has been awarded to the Pan Arab Research Centre (PARC) due to their long experience in conducting media research in the region. In addition, JICME intends to retain World Research International, subject to final negotiations, as consultants for project design and local control of fieldwork.

It is intended that the Saudi survey will be followed as quickly as possible by surveys in the Gulf. JICME will be holding a second presentation meeting in Dubai in the first two weeks of June and this is due to the importance of Dubai as a Middle East advertising centre and in appreciation of the IAA/UAE Chapter's role in the progress that has been achieved to date. The date and venue of the Dubai meeting will be announced soon.

Hash House Harriers

Individual groups in various locations organise annual events which are attended by members of other groups in the region, this year in the Gulf area the Dubai Hash House Harriers hosted such an event. The event took place over three days and was attended by 300 Hash members from all over the Gulf area.

Hash House Harriers celebrates five years of running in Kuwait with their 250th run. This event is being sponsored by the National Bank of Kuwait. The Hash House Harriers group is a running organisation, which meets weekly for a 6-9 km run, similar groups run in about 400 places around the world.

prepared and presented by Mohammed Al Barji

- 10.00 Ili Ma'a Qursh: Daily Arabic serial (Part 4)
 10.45 Al Boustaji: Arabic feature film
TUESDAY, JUNE 13,
 9.30 Cartoons
 10.15 Hikayat Sakhatat: Arabic serial (Part 10)
 11.15 Al Zab Wa Ayoun Al Madinah: Arabic serial (Part 10)
 12.15 Hikayat Ma'aa Al Nojoom: Variety programme, with guest star Zaki Rustom
 1.30 Flouma: Cartoon serial
 2.15 Abu Awadh: Arabic serial (Part 10)
 3.30 Bibi Folk and Calmiro: Cartoon serial
 4.00 Sayed Wa Sayed: Arabic feature. Starring Yunis Shalabi, Dalal Abdul Aziz, Ahmed Rateeb, Mimi Jamal
 7.00 Hikayat Al Asma: Historical serial (Part 2)
 7.55 Al Alam Min Hawlina (The World Around Us): Cultural programme
 10.00 Ili Ma'a Qursh: Daily Arabic serial (Part 5)
 10.45 Ihtimalat: Cultural programme (Part 2)
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14,
 9.30 Ifah Ya Simsim: Children programme
 10.15 Hikayat Sakhatat: Arabic serial (Part 11)

11.30 News Summary/Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14

- 6.00 Holy Quran
 6.10 The Racoon: cartoon serial
 6.30 Mac and Muttley: volunteers visit patients in hospitals, accompanied by animals, and training dogs to rescue people in danger.
 7.00 Danger Bay: "Melissa's Gift." Melissa rescues a coyote and becomes attached to it; George has to find a way of returning the coyote to the wild.
 7.30 Body Matters: "Mind Over Matter." A rather interesting show on medicine, it examines the effect of our minds over matter and how we feel such emotions as fear and joy.
 8.00 News in English
 8.40 You and the Law: presented by Ali Noor.
 8.50 Sonny Spoon: "Never Go to Your High School Reunion." A reunion turns into a riot after gangsters threaten the members of the party. Sonny investigates. Action.
 9.40 The Cosby Show: More comedy with the Huxtables as they cope with the birth of a new born in the family. Comedy. Starring: Bill Cosby, Phylicia Rashad.
 10.00 Just for the Record: An Australian show on record holders.
 10.30 Late Night Movie: "Right of Way." Starring: Bette Davis.

WHAT'S ON

ARTS

Kuwait Science Museum
 OPEN Saturday to Wednesday, 8-9 pm only. Natural history exhibits from in and around Kuwait, including blue whale. Closed on Thursday and Friday.

Islamic Arts Museum
 SAT - Thurs: 9 am to 12 noon and 7.00 to 10.00 pm. Collection includes rare Islamic artefacts, Quranic manuscripts, ceramics, carpets and marine equipment. Arabian Gulf St.

Sadu House
 SAT - Thurs: 9 am to 12 noon, 7 to 10 pm. Exhibits include bedouin handicrafts—rugs, saddle bags, cushions and textiles. Closed on Friday.

THEATRE

Konkani Drama
 JUNE 15/16 (4.00 pm): Nashibachio Divo Paloulo, the MAR production's Konkani drama, directed by Prem Kumar to be staged at the Indian Arts Circle. For entry passes contact Raja Stores, tel: 2412970.

FILMS

British Council
 JUNE 11/12: Tootsie is this month's feature film at the British Council, Mansouriyah. Dustin Hoffman plays Tootsie. Desperate, he took a female role and became a star. Comedy at its best. Also stars Sydney Pollack, who also directs, and Jessica

- 11.15 Al Zab Wa Ayoun Al Madinah: Arabic serial (Part 11)
 12.30 Al Hesn: Variety programme
 1.30 Flouma: Cartoon serial
 2.15 Abu Awadh: Arabic serial (Part 11)
 3.30 Cartoon serial
 4.00 Football match (Kuwait vs. Turkey)
 6.00 Lila Min Alf Lila: Children programme
 7.00 Ma'aa Al Talaba: Local programme
 8.30 Al Iskan Wa Elmuwaten: Local programme
 10.00 Ili Ma'a Qursh: Daily Arabic serial (Part 6)
 10.45 Halaqat Badawiya (Mahakim Billa Sojoun) Part 2
THURSDAY, JUNE 15
 9.30 Cartoon serial
 10.15 Hikayat Sakhatat: Daily Arabic serial (Part 12)
 11.15 Al Zab Wa Ayoun Al Madinah: Arabic serial (Part 12)
 12.05 Hirar Wa Nagma: Local variety programme
 1.30 Flouma: Cartoon serial
 2.15 Abu Awadh: Arabic serial (Part 12)
 3.00 Mawsoot Al Sons Al Nabawiya: Religious programme
 3.30 Bibi Folk and Calmiro: Cartoon serial
 4.00 Cinderella: Children local play.
 6.00 Cartoons
 7.30 Looking For Adventure: Cultural programme

Jimmy Stewart, Melinda Dillon, Priscilla Morrill. The chance to see Davis and Stewart acting together for the first time in their career is the only reason to tune in. This meandering tale focuses on the old couple, who decide to die together when Davis is diagnosed as terminally ill.

12.00 News Summary/Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown.

THURSDAY, JUNE 15

- 6.00 Holy Quran
 6.10 Denver: cartoon serial
 6.30 The New Mickey Mouse Club: this evening's entertainment for young viewers revolves around the theft of a precious jewel, and the story of love in winter.
 7.00 Mommies Today: "Say Ah!" Eddie has a sore throat and decides he is now allowed to return to school.
 7.30 T.N.T.: "Wet Tooth." A woman declares his intention to start life anew. Will Turner believe him? Action.
 8.00 News in English
 8.40 Beauty and the Beast: "Orphans." Catherine father dies and she seeks solace in the company of Vincent. Starring: Ron Perlman; Linda Hamilton.
 9.30 Paul Daniel's Magic Show
 10.30 Thursday's Feature: "The Mountain Men." Starring: Charlton Heston, Brian Keith, Victoria Racimo. A wild

- and woolly mountain adventure about two ageing trappers battling the wilderness. When one marries an Indian maiden, his struggle to survive is further tested by a tribe with many grievances against the white man. Duration: 102 minutes.
 12.00 News Summary/Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown.
FRIDAY, JUNE 16
 4.00 Holy Quran
 4.10 Centurions: cartoon serial
 4.30 Italian Football
 5.30 American Basketball
 6.30 Later Bang: Gianni and Bruno go to London to unravel the secret of the letter; meanwhile, Willinger escapes from the embassy.
 7.00 Once a Hero: A dispute erupts between two men over a stolen film.
 8.00 News in English
 8.30 Breaking Away: a look at what's happening at various clubs in Kuwait.
 8.50 Sable: "Serial Killer." A woman's life is threatened by an unknown person, who challenges Sable to find him before he kills her.
 9.30 The Changelings: "The Man Who Came to Dinner." Lillian and the Mirror have a disagreement about revealing the "whole truth."
 10.00 Tales from the Other Side: "The New Man." A man suffers from amnesia and can't recognise his friend.

Why? Blue Blood: "Devil's Lair." An art curator asks Henry to find her missing husband. Starring: Lauren Hutton, Albert Fortell, Marisa Berenson.
 11.30 News Summary/Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown.

FRIDAY, JUNE 16

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HOTELS

Kuwait International GARDEN POOL: Kubli Khan Mongolian barbecue every Friday afternoon. Mix and match your lunch while it is prepared according to your palate. Ext. 8006.
 La Patisserie: Serves Continental breakfast and afternoon tea. Kiwi cake is the cake of the week. Pianist in the evenings. Ext. 8014.

At the Meridian
 HOTEL Meridian Kuwait features special weekly promotion at La Brasserie restaurant: Asian Corner every Saturday, Monday and Wednesday. A wide variety of Asian dishes, in addition to the regular buffet, will be featured. Tempura, fried noodles, etc. are prepared in front of the guests and served on the spot.

Mexican Night every Sunday: Discover the delight of Mexican cuisine awaiting you in our "Little Mexico."
Greek Tavern every Tuesday: Experience authentic Greek ambience and food with five Bouzouki music and wide variety of mezzah.
 Enjoy an evening of foot tap-

pin' fun every Thursday. Remy and Tony's jam session in La Brasserie.
 Family day every Friday: Enjoy a day with your family. La Brasserie offers a wide array of Oriental favourites along with live music, entertainment, and a magician to thrill the little ones and many other games for the children.
At the SAS Hotel
 AT the Bistrotto: SAS Hotel's Italian restaurant, designed to create a cool atmosphere, is a perfect setting for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Enjoy Friday brunch with the whole family.
 Peacock Room: Experience the feel of the Orient. Come have lunch and dinner with us. Chinese cuisine prepared by our Chinese chef Von Kwee Kiong.
 Al Boom: Dine in a perfect Kuwaiti show, fine selection of charcoal grills, extensive mezzah buffet and Al Boom daily specials; also open for lunch on Thursdays and Fridays.
 Clock: The only drive-in restaurant in town. Serves varied fast food items plus specialities. Easum: Come and try our daily specials. We also have a diet corner for weight watchers.



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TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

KTV 1

- 9.00 Holy Quran
 9.15 Good Morning/News
 9.20 Songs and Music
 9.30 Ifah Ya Simsim
 10.00 World News via Satellite
 10.15 Hikayat Sakhatat: Arabic serial, starring Aida Abdul Aziz, Hala Sudqi, Jamal Ismael, Zahra Al Ula, Ahmad Abdul Waris.
 11.00 News Summary
 11.10 Songs
 11.15 Al Zab Wa Ayoun Al Madinah: Arabic serial
 12.15 Min Ajal Ghadi: Arabic serial, featuring Ahsan Sadiq, Mishal Thabit, Saad Rashdan, Badar Haddad.
 1.00 News Summary
 1.05 World News via Satellite
 1.30 Flouma: cartoons
 2.00 Songs
 2.15 Abu Awadh: Arabic serial
 2.20 Al Sannah Al Nabawiya: religious serial
 3.30 Bibi Folk/Calmiro: cartoons
 4.00 The Secret of Dorian Gray: Starring: Margaret Lee, Richard Todd.
 6.00 Young Artists



Actors of Our House on KTV 2 at 8.40 pm today.

- 7.00 Songs and Music
 7.30 Noor Al Islam
 8.15 Security and Citizens
 9.00 News in Arabic
 9.45 Ili Ma'a Qursh: Arabic serial
 10.35 Narawah: Arabic Play, featuring Hamad Ahmad, Sana Yunis, Samah Al Saraiti, Ahsan Al Qalawi.
 12.15 News Summary
 12.20 World News via Satellite
 12.45 Holy Quran/ Closedown

KTV 2

- 6.00 Holy Quran
 6.10 Mickey and Donald: cartoon series
 6.30 Not Another Science Show: "Spoiled Rotten." Tonight's show examines how bacteria develops in food. A visit to a canning plant provides some answers.
 7.00 Out of the World: "Old Flame." Evie's mother gets a proposal.
 7.30 Animals of Africa: "Fisher Birds of the

Cape." A look at birds that settle on the Western African coast.
 8.00 News in English
 8.40 Our House: "Two Beat, Four Beat." Grandpa Gus is faced with yet another dilemma. Family drama.
 9.40 Reaching for the Skies: "Vertical Flight." A look at the development of helicopters through the years.
 10.30 Saturday Night Movie: "Lost in London." Starring: Emmanuel Lewis, Ben Verne. After a boy runs away from home, his mother seeks the help of her former husband to find him in London.
 12.30 News Summary/Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown.

Please note that programmes and timings are liable to change without notice.

NIGHT CHEMIST

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 Al Watan Pharmacy
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 Hawalli and Nagra
 Al Kamal Pharmacy
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 Burqan Pharmacy
 Fahad, Al Sabah Souq, Property of Rashid Al Roomi
 Kheitan
 Al Wahda Pharmacy
 Main St., Property of Ali Saleh Al Alanda
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CINEMA TODAY

Al Andalus
 Booby Trap
 Starring: Christine David, Davin Hollinger
Al Salahiya
 Beetle Juice
 Starring: Michael Keaton, Gina Davis
Al Hamra
 Ares Fi Al Ya Naseeb (Arabic)
 Starring: Samir Ghanem, Dalal Abdul Aziz
Drive-In
 Alash Daki Al Jaish (Arabic)
 Starring: Yunus Shalabi, Suad Nasar

Al Fahad
 Yellow Hair
Al Jahra
 Raging Vendetta
Granada
 Lucas
Salsibikhat
 Saheb Al Soora (Arabic)
Al Jleeb
 Aaryan (Malayalam)
Ahmadi Drive-In
 Someone to Watch over Me

PRAYERS

Fajr	3.13 am
Zuhr	11.47
Asr	3.21 pm
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Isha	8.18

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پاکستان کے لیے تمام لوگوں سے کہا کہ وہ اپنی کمیٹی میں
دو گروپز کو گھسیں کہ ان کی جماعت کے لیے خطی ممانعت کا
کیس سپریم کورٹ میں ۱۳ جنوری ۱۹۸۵ء کو ہارنے پر
کے خلاف اپنی جماعت کو کرنے کے معاملہ کا کیا ہے۔

نتیجہ: امریکی یرغمالی

۱۔ امریکی یرغمالی

میتواند به عنوان یک منبع درآمد برای خانواده ها استفاده شود.

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نہ تھیں۔ جس کا اس کو قدر و تحقیر نہ سمجھائی تھی کہ اس جان پر سخت
 سے براہی کاغذ لکھ کر برطانوی حکومت کو بے پروا کیا گیا
 تھا۔ لیکن کوشش کرنے سے یہ کام ہو گیا۔ ساتھ ہی برطانوی
 حکام نے خلیج میں کھڑے ہو کر اس کو غرق کرنے سے منع کیا۔ اس
 سے تعلقات خراب نہ ہوئے۔ اور اس لئے اس کا بیزار ہو گیا۔ وہ
 حکام کے مطابق نہ ہو سکا۔ اور دہلی کے لئے کھلی ہوئی گلی نہ
 ملا۔ کہ جس میں اس کے بارے میں یقین کیا جاتا ہے کہ وہ زندہ

لوگوں نے گڑبڑ مچانے کی

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ی رہنمائی کی۔ ہماری بنیادی

کچھ روز امریکا سے ہوئے اور لوگوں کو اس کے سیرے اور خوشیاں
 قاضی دھرمی کی قیادت کی قحی تیار کیا جو عقیدہ رافضی میں اس اختلافات اس
 وقت تک مندرجہ نہیں ہو سکتے جب کہ امرائیل میں ان علاقوں سے
 رافضی میں نہیں۔ امریکا دھرمی کی قیادت میں جس میں اس کے سیرے
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 رافضی میں نہیں۔ امریکا دھرمی کی قیادت میں جس میں اس کے سیرے

SECRET

برج سنبلہ

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(۲۲ اگست تا ۲۱ ستمبر)


اصل کے خلاف کوئی کام نہ کریں۔ چتر تہذیبوں کی ضرورت ہوگی تاہم آپ انہیں اضافے سے خوف نہ کریں۔ سادہ رنگی نہیں۔ لفظوں کا کلاں بنائیں۔ لہذا ہر کام کو تجسّس طرح نہ دیکھیں۔ سچائی سے رہیں

برج میزان
(۲۲ ستمبر تا ۲۳ اکتوبر)
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برن مقرب



100

(۲۳ اکتوبر تا ۳۱ نومبر)

انجمنیات کا قیام ہم البتہ جس شخص سے بحث کر رہے ہیں اس کا یہ تکیہ پر موقوف ہو چکا ہے۔ خود کہہ سکتے ہیں کہ انجمنیات پر بحثیں نہ کریں۔ اگر کسی جرم یا فساد کے مرتکب ہیں تو اس کے عملی نوادر پر نظر

برق قوس

(۲۲ نومبر تا ۲۱ دسمبر)

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حالات سے مجبور ہو کر کسی کام کو مسلسل انجام دینے سے گریز کریں تاہم تبدیلی کے خیال سے تیری نہ لائیں۔ محصل کا تعلیمی پروگرام راسخ نہ ہوں۔ اپنی بد نظمی کو نہ کوئیں بلکہ اگرچہ آپ میں صلاحیتیں ہیں اس سے پورا فائدہ اٹھائیں۔ برداشت کریں۔

شہر میں نہ کہ جانے تو واسطہ کے چکا، گھر والے اور شخصیات پر

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میں اس کیوں کہ قتل و حرکت پر سخت پابندی ہے۔
 عائد کر دیں۔
 \$\$\$
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 کوئی دہکار کے مقابلے میں غیر ملکی
 کرنسیوں کی قیمت حسب ذیل ہے۔
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 بھارتی روپے (فی ہزار) ۱۸ - ۳۰۰
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 اٹلی لیرا (فی ہزار) ۰ - ۳۰۷
 فرانسیسی فرانک (فی ہزار) ۳۳ - ۳۲۰
 امریکی ڈالر (فی ہزار) ۳۶۱ - ۵۹۰
 برطانوی پائونڈ (فی ہزار) ۳۶۸ - ۱۰۰
 جرمن مارک (فی ہزار) ۱۵۰ - ۸۰۰
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LOST

BLACK handbag containing Filipino passport of a child No. KI 878789 in the name of Amer. Lost in Salmiya on Wednesday. Finder please Tel. Mr. Hafeez, 5312400 (off) 5759468 (Res) or inform Philippine Embassy. (AT1-47778-2)

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SPORTS

Maradona inspires Napoli to first leg victory

NAPLES, Italy, June 9, (Reuters): Diego Maradona set up a second half goal to give UEFA Cup winners Napoli a 1-0 win against holders Sampdoria in the first leg of the Italian Cup final on Wednesday.

The Argentine, forever inspirational, directed a cross from a short corner towards libero Alessandro Renica, who found space in a crowded area to head the ball past goalkeeper Gianluca Pagliuca.

The 55th minute goal made Napoli favourites for the return leg on June 28, which

will be played in Milan because of building work at Sampdoria's stadium in Genoa for next year's World Cup finals.

Sampdoria, losing European Cup Winners' Cup finalists, twice tested Napoli goalkeeper Giuliano Giuliani in the first half with fine headers from Brazilian midfielder Toninho Cerezo.

But they failed to make the most of their few chances at goal. Italy striker Gianluca Vialli had a low shot stopped by Giuliani in the

second half and winger Roberto Mancini hit a close-range shot into the side netting.

Napoli, currently second in the Italian League, are automatic qualifiers for Europe next season since their points total already makes them certain entrants into the UEFA Cup.

Sampdoria, fifth in the League, are also likely to play in the UEFA Cup but would desperately like to return to the Cup Winners' Cup after their defeat by Barcelona.

Italy starts countdown to 1990 World Cup

ROME, June 9, (Reuters): Luca di Montezemolo searched for the right analogy.

"It is a little like when we were students. We always hoped we'd get an extra week to prepare for our examinations. But then we almost always managed to pass even without it."

With Italy one year away from hosting the World Cup soccer finals, Montezemolo, as general manager of the organising committee Italia '90, likes to repeat that the competition, much as an exam, cannot be put off.

But Montezemolo and the International Football Federation (FIFA) add they are confident sports-loving, image-conscious Italy will pass the test — despite its reputation for procrastination.

"You may hear things are not going along fast enough," Guido Tognoni, FIFA's press chief, said during a visit to the host country last month.

"But... the work is being done in good time. It's just that in Italy, in good time sometimes means five minutes before."

Grounds in 12 cities are due to stage 52 matches in the 24-nation tournament from the opening game in Milan with holders Argentina next June 8 to the final in Rome's Olympic stadium on July 8.

Two stadiums, in Turin and Bari, are being newly-built while the others — in Bologna, Cagliari, Florence, Genoa, Milan, Naples, Palermo, Rome, Udine and Verona — are being modernised to varying degrees.

"With one year to go, we are on schedule and in line with our master plan," Montezemolo said.

He said Turin was the only place with delays and warned it would be dropped as a venue, unless the city decided by the end of this month to meet demands for additional facilities for the media.

Few people in Italy, however, would expect Turin to allow the threat to become reality given the enormous loss of prestige that would entail.

Managers of Rome's Olympic stadium have also yet to decide whether to modernise the main grandstand or build a new one, although the construction company involved has said it will work at night to finish the job on time.

The government has committed nearly 500 billion lire (\$305 million) to work on the World Cup stadiums.

Skuhravy goal kills Swiss Cup hopes

Czechs triumph 1-0 in qualifier

BERNE, June 9, (Reuters): An opportunistic 22nd minute goal by Tomas Skuhravy gave Czechoslovakia a narrow 1-0 win over Switzerland and effectively killed their chances of reaching the World Cup finals for the first time since 1966.

Skuhravy deflected a corner into the net through a tangle of defenders' legs and the unsighted Swiss goalkeeper Martin Brunner.

It was the Sparta Prague striker's third goal in European qualifying Group 5 and followed two in the 4-0 triumph over Luxembourg last month.

The win moved Czechoslovakia into second place in the table with seven points from five matches, one behind leaders Belgium.

Switzerland stayed second from bottom of the five-team

group with two points from four games.

Caretaker-coach Paul Wolfisberg's re-jigged Swiss team had three men up front but lacked punch and their only real chance came in the 18th minute.

Stefan Marini's cross from the right found Andy Halter but the Grasshopper Zurich striker's header ballooned over the bar.

Brunner made a daring save from Czechoslovak captain Ivan Hasek in the fifth minute and was tested again five minutes later by Jozef Chovanec with a low drive from 15 metres.

On the half-hour it was the visitors who pressed continuously to increase their tally. Their disciplined defence, ably marshalled by libero Jan Kocian, easily contained the sporadic Swiss attacks.

Ten minutes before the

interval Marini sent a low cross across goal but no one was on hand to hit the equaliser.

Czechoslovak goalkeeper Jan Stejskal had an easy time. His only test came in the 40th minute when he smothered a Rene Sutter drive from long range.

Switzerland — Martin Brunner, Marcel Koller, Martin Weber, Peter Schepull, Stefan Marini, Rene Sutter (Kubilyay Turkyilmaz, 57th), Alain Geiger, Heinz Hermann, Alain Sutter, Beat Sutter (Dario Zuffi, 72), Andy Halter.

Czechoslovakia — Jan Stejskal, Julius Bielik, Jan Kocian, Miroslav Kadlec, Michal Bilek, Ivan Hasek, Jozef Chovanec (Vaclav Nemec, 80), Lubomir Moravcik, Stanislav Griga, Tomas Skuhravy (Vaclav Danek, 55), Frantisek Straka.



Added attraction

An added attraction to Wednesday night's Madrid derby between Atletico de Madrid and Real Madrid was this elusive hare, seen here dodging a dive from Atletico's Manoco prior to the game. The match was held up for a few minutes before the hare was caught. Real won the match, first leg of the Spanish Cup semifinals, 2-0 with both goals coming through West German Bernd Schuster. (Reuters wirephoto)

Pele's son to play as goalkeeper

NEW YORK, June 9, (AP): Edson Nascimento, who grew up playing baseball, football and basketball, has discovered soccer.

"I never had the opportunity to play," said Nascimento, who grew up in New York and now attends the United Nations International School in Manhattan. "It was nothing I missed."

Nascimento is a goalkeeper for Blau-Weiss Gotschee, which faces cosmopolitan Junior Soccer League rival Westchester United tomorrow for the Eastern New York Youth Soccer Association under 19-boys title. The game will be played in Farmingdale, New York.

Swazi player abducted at gunpoint

MBABANE, June 9, (Reuters): A Swazi soccer player has been abducted at gunpoint from a training session with his new club in what appears to be a dispute over transfer fees, club officials said today.

The incident happened on Wednesday when Samuel Chippa Dlamini turned out to train with First Division club Mbabane Highlanders.

Local newspaper reports, confirmed by club officials, said two men armed with a pistol rushed on to the field and hustled Dlamini into a waiting car.

The player, transferred from Second Division club Two Sticks Comrades, has not been seen since. There has been no comment from police.

Confident Khalifa set to make European debut

GLASGOW, Dubai's Sheikh Ahmed bin Khalifa Al Maktoum completed preparations yesterday for the Scottish Rally — his first event outside the Gulf region — confident that he can do well over a route that includes tough mountain passes and tight forest tracks.

"This is a fantastic country," commented the 26-year-old fighter pilot who will drive an Emirates-sponsored Mitsubishi Galant in this three-day European Championship rally which begins here tomorrow. Khalifa has spent the past three days travelling in convoy around the 1,250-km route and he has been fascinated by the spectacular scenery, if not by the sheer drops on the edges of some of the most demanding stages.

In the forests, towering fir and pine trees line the tracks but Khalifa claims the route is less intimidating than he had been led to believe.

"I'm not worried by the trees, nor by the cliff-edge driving," he said. "But some of the route is very dry and dusty and with only one-minute intervals between the cars, there could be a dust problem."

No practice is permitted on the Scottish Rally and Khalifa and Irish co-driver Bobby Willis have been allowed only one look at the obstacles they will encounter.

"It would be better to start the rally with the route completely unseen," the UAE champion added. "Driving in convoy tempts you to make pace notes which would not be reliable."

He warned that since the rally is very different to any in which he has previously competed, no-one should expect heroics.

"This is a major international event which has been won in the past by world championship drivers like Ari Vatanen, Hannu Mikkola and Stig Blomqvist. All I am hoping to do is get to the finish on Monday. For me, every stage is a new experience."

Favourite to win the 1989 edition is Flying Scotsman Jimmy McRae, who finished second five times before claiming victory last year.

McRae, driving a Ford Sierra Cosworth, will be first off the starting ramp tomorrow, followed by Welshman David Llewellyn in a Toyota Celica GT4.

As a late entry Khalifa Group N Mitsubishi Galant — prepared by Al Habtoor Motors — has been given a number at the lower end of the 127 entries, but he is expected to start much higher up the order.

Sunday Silence goes for first triple crown of decade

ELMONT, N.Y., June 9, (Reuters): Sunday Silence goes for the final jewel in American horse-racing's triple crown when he starts favourite to win the 121st Belmont Stakes tomorrow.

The surprise winner of the Kentucky Derby and Preakness — the first two legs of the classic American series for three-year-olds — is rated an even-money chance to become only the 12th triple-crown winner and the first since Affirmed in 1978.

Sunday Silence will break from gate six alongside top rival Easy Goer, who was favoured to win the Derby but has finished a strong second in each of the first two legs. Easy Goer is rated 6-5 to win the 1-1/2 mile (2.4 km) race from the 10-horse field.

Another second-place finish for Easy Goer would duplicate the feat of his father, Alydar, who 11 years ago lost three historic duels to Affirmed to become the only horse ever to finish second in each of the triple crown races.

Victory for Sunday Silence in what many feel will be a two-horse race, would earn his owners a total of \$5 million in prize and bonuses for the series.

Sunday Silence's 76-year-old trainer Charley Whittingham said his horse was in perfect condition. He also said he was happy the two top horses would start side-by-side. "My eyes aren't what they used to be and I can watch both of them from there."

Sieckmann takes lead in Classic

HARRISON, N.Y., June 9, (Reuters): Tom Sieckmann played his finest round of the year yesterday as he shot a first round seven-under-par 64 and took a one-stroke lead at the \$1 million Westchester Golf Classic.

Sieckmann put together a pair of 32s on the par-71, 6,779-yard Westchester Country Club course with seven birdies and no bogeys.

Second place in this tune-up for next week's US Open belonged to Rocco Mediate, who eagled the par-five ninth hole and later birdied the par-five 18th to move to within one stroke of Sieckmann at 65.

Craig Stadler, Fred Couples, Mark Lye, Kenny Knox and Dick Mast were tied for third place at five-under par 66.

Ben Crenshaw, Dan Pohl, J.C. Snead and Japan's Jumbo Ozaki were another stroke back at 67.

Defending champion Seve Ballesteros of Spain shot an erratic round and settled for an even-par 71 after four birdies and four bogeys.

"I hit the ball all over the course today," he said. "Seventy-one is the best possible score I could have had."

Sieckmann started on the 10th hole and carded three birdies on the back side. He then added four more on the course's first nine holes.

"I haven't been playing well this year and it's been a little frustrating," he said. "It's only been one part of my game."

Women's golf

HIGH POINT, N.C., June 9, (Reuters): Myra Blackwelder held the lead of the rain-halted Pat Bradley International women's golf tournament with 19 points yesterday.

The first round of the \$400,000 event was stopped twice due to heavy rains and finally suspended because of extremely wet course conditions and lighting with just over half the field completing 18 holes.

Hearns to be 'natural man' against Leonard

LAS VEGAS, June 9, (Reuters): In this town where practically nothing is natural, Thomas Hearns is billing himself as "the natural man" for his super middleweight title fight with Sugar Ray Leonard on Monday.

Hearns is not going to enter the ring against Leonard without clothes.

But Hearns, who said Leonard's larger muscles looked like the product of steroids, said he would be "coming natural on Monday night. I'm not coming pumped up taking steroids."

Mike Trainer, Leonard's manager and attorney told Reuters he hopes Hearns was only joking, because the charge was "ridiculous" and if taken seriously would hurt the sport.

"We're flattered that he (Hearns) thinks" Leonard's body is "artificial" but if Hearns is seriously charging Leonard with using steroids it is dangerous to the sport," Trainer said.

"How about the kids," Trainer said. "They look up to fighters and they will say 'hey, I guess that's what you have to do.'"

"We'll put \$100,000 on it and if my guy is clean, I take your money," Trainer said.

No one from Hearns' camp was available to comment on Trainer's offer to bet.

But earlier Emanuel Steward, Hearns' manager, said he had heard the rumour of Leonard using steroids from "a lot of reliable sources," though he would not name them.

He also said he doubted Hearns would ask to have Leonard tested for the muscle-build-



Hearns (left) and Leonard set for Monday's fight.

ing drug.

Steroids are not specifically banned by the Nevada State Athletic Commission, but all drugs, even over-the-counter cold medicines, are prohibited without the commission's consent.

Steward said he expects a fast and furious fight and predicted it would last just four rounds.

Hearns, a well-worn 30, and Leonard, less frayed perhaps but still 32-years-old in a young man's sport, are obviously past their prime as they prepare for the scheduled 12-round fight for

Leonard's World Boxing Council (WBC) super middleweight title.

"Both guys have slowed down," said Steward, acknowledging the obvious. "But I expect a bruising fight. It seems the older fighters get, the less they fear getting hit. Early in the fight is going to be explosive."

Both camps noted that Hearns has looked shaky in his last three fights.

He certainly did not look like "The Hit Man" who has racked up a 46-3 record nor the fearsome

puncher who gave Leonard probably his toughest fight when they met in their 1981 battle. Leonard, 35-1, won by stopping Hearns in the 14th round.

Juan Roldan had Hearns in serious trouble in their fight in October 1987, before Hearns stopped the Argentine in the fourth round.

And Hearns had American Iran Barkley battered and bloody last June before Barkley came back to take the WBC middleweight crown. He destroyed Hearns with two knockdowns —

the last time nearly sending him through the ropes.

Even American journeyman James Kinchen staggered Hearns, forcing him to hang on to Kinchen and even the referee while the cobwebs cleared last November. Hearns rallied to win on points.

That performance prompted Leonard to say last week that Hearns has learned "to embrace his opponents with more affection."

Hearns sparred four rounds yesterday and appeared hittable but perhaps with a bit spring in his legs.

Leonard, whose upper body appears much bigger and stronger than at any other point in his career, worked out on Wednesday and staggered his sparring mate with a wicked left hook.

Leonard's co-trainer Dave Jacobs, thinks that an obsession for a rematch with Leonard affected Hearns' recent performances.

"For the last eight years, Tommy has been looking for Ray Leonard, not knowing if he was going to get a shot. Maybe that's the reason why you say Tommy was in a few shaky fights. Maybe he was looking for another fighter."

Steward agreed. "After the Roldan fight, Hearns was always looking ahead," he said. "For Barkley he was relaxed because he was winning. He had only trained 30 days for that fight. That's not enough."

But this time, Steward said, Hearns has gradually eased his body into the rigours of fighting by training for some 11 weeks.

Schwantz bids for third win

RJEKA, Yugoslavia, June 9, (Reuters): Texan Kevin Schwantz will try to make up for lack of power with sheer skill and courage in the Yugoslav 500cc Motorcycle Grand Prix on Sunday.

The Suzuki rider, fresh from a fine win in Austria last week, said yesterday his machine was still weaker than its main rivals.

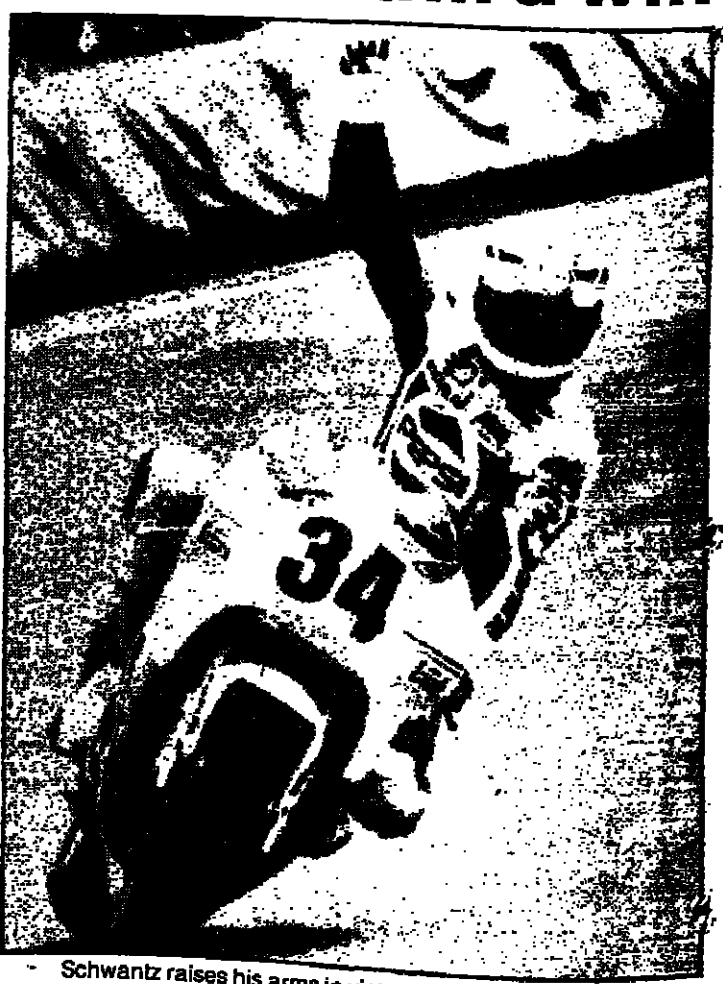
"On straights my bike is a bit slower than Hondas and Yamahas," he said. "But in bends we outclass them. And the track here in Rijeka is all bends."

After a season dominated by breakdowns, Schwantz has a lot of ground to make up. He lies fifth in the world championship standings on 57 points, compared with 106 for leading American Wayne Rainey on a Yamaha.

Both have won two races this season, but Rainey has also been placed second twice and third once.

American world champion Eddie Lawson, who changed from Yamaha to Honda last winter, trails Rainey in the standings by 11 points, and is the only leading rider to have won before on the Goebnik track — in 1985 and in 1986.

Sunday's meeting will be Schwantz's first in Rijeka, after missing the race last year and in 1987 because of injury.



Schwantz raises his arms in victory after winning in Austria.

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SPORTS

Pistons defeat Lakers to take 2-0 lead in NBA finals

DETROIT, June 9, (Reuters): Joe Dumars scored 33 points to lead the Detroit Pistons to a 108-105 victory over the Los Angeles Lakers and a commanding 2-0 lead in the best-of-seven game National Basketball Association (NBA) championship series yesterday.

Perhaps much more damaging than the loss of game two, however, was the injury to Los Angeles superstar and League Most Valuable Player Earvin (Magic) Johnson.

With the score level 75-75 in the third quarter, Johnson pulled up with a strained

left hamstring muscle and was forced to leave the game. The Lakers were already without the services of their other starting guard, Byron Scott, who suffered a similar injury in practice before the first game.

Los Angeles which had led for most of the game—they were up 62-56 at halftime—altered briefly following Johnson's injury to take a 92-84 lead.

Detroit then took control with a 12-1 spurt early in the fourth quarter to grab the lead for the first time in the game and never relinquished it despite a desperate Laker

comeback attempt.

The two-time defending champions fought back valiantly with tough defence and pulled to within two points with 21 seconds left in the game.

Los Angeles stopped the Pistons on their next possession and got the ball with eight seconds remaining.

James Worthy, who along with Michael Cooper led the Lakers with 19 points, was fouled and went to the free throw line with a chance to tie the game, but missed one of his two shots.

Detroit guard Isiah Thomas, who had 21 points, was then intentionally fouled and sank both free throws to give the Pistons their three-point victory.

The Lakers became the first team this year to score more than 100 points in a playoff game against the tenacious Detroit defence. But that may be of little consolation as they head back to Los Angeles with the hope of becoming only the third NBA team to come back from a 2-0 final series deficit.

USOC and Barcelona sign pact

NEW YORK, June 9, (Reuters): The Barcelona Organising Committee (COOB '92) for the 1992 Olympic Games has signed a marketing agreement with the US Olympic Committee and is working on similar deals with other countries, COOB chief executive officer Josep Miquel Abad said yesterday.

Abad said the agreement he signed on Wednesday with USOC president Robert Helms took immediate effect.

"This agreement will make it easier for corporations to negotiate deals to become sponsors of the Olympics," Abad said. "In the past they have had to negotiate separately with the national Olympic committees and with the host city."

"Now the two are partners, and a sponsor only has to negotiate with USOC, for example, to obtain the right to the logo of the Olympic committee and the host city."

Abad said similar bilateral agreements had been signed twice before, but never so far in advance of the Games.

"This will help all sides in planning for the Games," he said, adding it would also prevent misuse of trademarks and logos.

The agreements will give sponsors the exclusive right to use Olympic logos and symbols in their region.

Abad said on average COOB would receive about 20 per cent of the revenues from the bilateral agreement, a higher proportion than in the past, with the USOC taking the rest.

Lewis' name on US meet entry list

HOUSTON, June 9, (Reuters): Olympic double gold medalist Carl Lewis is entered in next week's US Championships but he is not expected to compete, a meet official said on Thursday.

"Carl and the other members of the Santa Monica Track Club are entered in the meet but they are not declared and we do not expect them to compete," Mike Takaha, an assistant director for the championships, told Reuters by telephone.

Lewis told Reuters on Monday he would not compete in the June 15-17 meet even though it is in his hometown, but a check of entries found his name listed among competitors.

Lewis said he was skipping the meeting, the US qualifier for September's World Cup in Barcelona, as it did not fit into his schedule, but published reports have said the real reason was his displeasure with the Athletics Congress (TAC), the sport's governing body in the United States.

Olympic 200-metres gold medalist Joe DeLoach is also entered but is not expected to turn up, Takaha said.

"It's a safety-valve thing," Takaha said. "If at the last minute they decide to compete, they will be entered."

Doping programme being extended

IAAF puts faith in random tests

MONTE CARLO, June 9, (Reuters): International athletics authorities, fighting to restore the credibility of their sport after the Ben Johnson doping scandal, have placed their faith in random drug testing.

Johnson, stripped of the Olympic 100 metres gold medal in Seoul last year after a positive dope test, was mentioned repeatedly during a three-day drugs symposium which ended here on Wednesday.

International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) officials, who organised the meeting, were at pains to stress it had been arranged well before the Johnson scandal.

But there was no doubt that his disgrace, plus the mounting evidence of consistent steroid use being heard by the Canadian inquiry into drugs in amateur sport, gave an extra edge to proceedings.

Anabolic steroids, the muscle-building drugs used by Johnson since 1981, according to testimony at the Canadian inquiry by his coach Charlie Francis, were the focus of attention.

"We pussy-footed around Anabolic steroids, that is perfectly true," International Olympic Committee (IOC) Medical Commission member Arnold Beckett said.

Beckett poured scorn on doctors and scientists who had consistently maintained that steroids posed no danger to health.

"It was irresponsible advice and it wasn't even scientific because they were talking about normal dosages, not abnormal dosages," he said.

"Now we are told about some countries who are

Yankees edge Red Sox

Phillies rally to beat Pirates

NEW YORK, June 9, (AP): Steve Sax's 11th-inning single drove in Don Slaught with the winning run last night, lifting the New York Yankees to an 8-7 victory over the Boston Red Sox.

Boston had tied the game with three unearned runs in the ninth. But the Red Sox failed to score after loading the bases with none out in the 10th off Lance McCullers, 2-1, the fifth Yankees pitcher.

Slaught then singled to right with one out in the 11th off Bob Stanley, 2-2. He moved to second on an infield out and, after Deion Sanders was walked intentionally, Sax grounded a single up the middle.

"I couldn't believe it," said Sanders, hitting .154. "Walk me to get to a .300 hitter? I wouldn't have done it. But I'm glad they did."

"How could they walk a guy with so little experience to get to me," Sax added. "It kind of psyched me up."

In other games yesterday, it was Milwaukee 6, Baltimore 2; Texas 11, Chicago 7.

Brewers 6, Orioles 2.

Glenn Braggs had three hits and six Brewers drove in runs, leading Milwaukee over first-place Baltimore. Mark Knudson, 2-1, picked up the victory.

Rangers 11, White Sox 7.

Nolan Ryan gave up four home runs in a game for the first time in his career, yet still pitched the Rangers past Chicago.

Phillies 15, Pirates 10.

Von Hayes and Steve Jeltz each homered twice to help Philadelphia overcome the Pirates' 10-run lead in the first and go on to beat Pittsburgh 15-11 last night.

The 10-run edge was Pittsburgh's biggest since Sept. 7, 1942 and made the Pirates the second team to blow a 10-run lead this week, after Boston led Toronto 10-0 Sunday before losing 13-11.

"I've said all along that this

club never gives up," Phillies manager Nick Leyva said. "And this is an example."

"It was very painful," said Pirates manager Jim Leyland, whose club has lost seven straight.

Barry Bonds hit a three-run homer and Andy van Slyke and Gary Redus had two hits each as the Pirates scored 10 runs in the first, their biggest inning since Sept. 7, 1942.

But Philadelphia came back with homers by Hayes and Jeltz, who also became the first Phillie to homer from both sides of the plate in one game.

Elsewhere yesterday, it was Houston 7, San Diego 6; St. Louis 7, Montreal 2; Chicago 5, New York 4; Cincinnati 3, San Francisco 2.

Astros 7, Padres 6.

Glenn Davis hit a two-run homer in the 10th inning as Houston won for the 13th time in 14 games. Mark Davis, 2-2, got the victory.

Standings

National League

East Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Chicago	33	24	.579	—
Montreal	31	28	.525	3
New York	27	32	.518	3 1/2
St. Louis	27	28	.491	5
Philadelphia	21	34	.382	11
Pittsburgh	21	34	.382	11

West Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cincinnati	33	24	.579	—
Houston	34	25	.576	—
San Francisco	33	26	.559	1
San Diego	30	21	.588	5
Los Angeles	28	29	.491	9
Atlanta	24	34	.414	9 1/2

American League

East Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Baltimore	31	24	.564	—
Cleveland	28	29	.491	4
New York	27	30	.474	5
Boston	26	29	.473	5
Milwaukee	27	31	.466	5 1/2
Toronto	24	33	.421	9
Detroit	23	34	.404	9

West Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Oakland	38	20	.655	—
California	36	20	.643	—
Kansas City	33	24	.579	4 1/2
Texas	32	25	.561	5 1/2
Seattle	28	32	.467	11
Minnesota	26	31	.456	11 1/2
Chicago	21	38	.356	17 1/2



A triumphant Willie Carson aboard Nashwan is led into the winner's circle after Wednesday's race. (Reuters wirephoto)

Nashwan underlines classic success of Maktoum family

EPSOM, England, June 9, (Reuters): Nashwan's Epsom Derby victory on Wednesday underlined the astonishing domination of the European horse-racing scene by the Maktoum family of Dubai.

Sheikh Mohammed and his brother Hamdan, owner of Nashwan, have now won six of the eight classics run so far this year.

By Sunday they could make it eight out of 10 and by the end of the season it could even be 13 out of 15.

The vast investment by the brothers Maktoum is paying off in ever more spectacular fashion although ironically Sheikh Maktoum's most expensive three-year-old, Warrshan at \$3.7 million ran a poor 11th behind Nashwan.

The amazing run began in April when Sheikh Mohammed Maktoum won the English 1,000 Guineas with Musical Bliss and Hamdan followed up two days later with Nashwan in the 2,000 Guineas.

Shaadi then won the Irish 2,000 Guineas for Sheikh Mohammed Maktoum who followed up with Ensonce in the Irish 1,000 Guineas. Sheikh Mohammed Maktoum had another classic success on Sunday when Old Vic won the French Derby at Chantilly and Nashwan obliged for the family at Epsom.

Dwyer flies west to see Lions play

PERTH, Australia, June 9, (Reuters): Australian Rugby Union coach Bob Dwyer flew west today to check the form of the British Lions in the opening match of their 12-game tour against Western Australia.

Lions captain Finlay Calder will definitely play tomorrow against the state side, probably the Lions' weakest opponents, after coming through training today, coach Ian McGeechan said.

Calder was feared to have injured his right hamstring during yesterday's training.

Although Western Australia's coach Viv Booker will provide Dwyer with a video of the game with his own commentary on the Lions performance, Dwyer has decided to check out for himself the form of the Wallabies' opponents in the three-Test series.

"After the W.A. game, the Australia B clash and the New South Wales and Queensland games we will be able to harden up some opinions on how we will handle the Lions," he said.

Western Australia is very much a rugby backwater but has won the national title for the minor states three years running.

The backbone of the side is provided by expatriate New Zealanders with former All Black Paul Koteke captaining the side from prop forward.

Another former All Black Frank Shefford, cousin of New Zealand captain Wayne Shefford, had to withdraw from the side after a car crash killed three members of his family.

Government Warning: Smoking is a major cause of cancer and diseases of the lungs, heart and arteries.

SPORTS

SPORTS BRIEFS

Gary Lineker

LONDON, June 9, (UPI): English League champions Arsenal's London rivals, Tottenham Hotspur, are at the centre of a dramatic bid today for England's fearsome centre-forward, Gary Lineker. The 28-year-old striker whose goal in England's 1-1 draw in Denmark on Wednesday was his 29th for his country, is understood to have been told he can leave Barcelona by manager Johan Cruyff.

Trevor Steven

LONDON, June 9, (UPI): England and Everton midfielder Trevor Steven is set to become a millionaire by agreeing to join Scottish club Rangers. But the question of Steven's transfer fee remains open. Rangers have offered \$2 million ... but Everton boss Colin Harvey says Steven is worth double that figure.

Italian soccer

ROME, June 9, (UPI): Barring an unexpected last-minute settlement, a strike called by the Italian soccer players union will mean no First Division soccer matches Sunday.

World record

TORONTO, June 9, (AP): The Ontario track and field association still plans to press the national association to have the sport's international governing body erase Ben Johnson's 100-metre world record.

Asian Games

TOKYO, June 9, (AP): The Olympic Council of Asia (OCA) will decide on the future of the 11th Asian Games if China is unable to host the 1990 event as scheduled because of domestic turmoil, the president of the Japan Olympic Committee said today.

Belgian player

BRUSSELS, June 9, (Reuters): Striker Piet den Boer has been transferred from Belgian champions Michelen to French First Division side Bordeaux, a Mechelen spokesman said today.

Transfer talks

BRUSSELS, June 9, (Reuters): African Player of the Year Kahusha Bwalya, who plays for struggling Belgian First Division side Cercle Bruges, is having transfer talks with Italian Second Division side Bari, a Bruges spokesman said today.

Wayne Gardner

RIEKA, Yugoslavia, June 9, (Reuters): Australian Wayne Gardner, the injured former 500cc world motorcycle champion, aims to return to racing at the Dutch Grand Prix on June 25.

Edberg wins

PARIS, June 9, (Reuters): Stefan Edberg of Sweden beat Boris Becker of West Germany 6-3 6-4 5-7 3-6 6-2 in men's singles today.

Tourist Trophy

DOUGLAS, Isle of Man, June 9, (Reuters): Steve Hissop joined the Tourist Trophy greats today when he won the six-lap senior motorcycle race on the Isle of Man circuit. The Honda works rider became only the third man in the 82-year-history of the event to win three races in a week.

McAuley wins

LONDON, June 9, (AP): Dave McAuley, a cook from Northern Ireland, used his greater height and reach Wednesday night to dethrone International Boxing Federation flyweight champion Duke McKenzie of England with a unanimous decision.

Beckenham tournament

BECKENHAM, England, June 9, (Reuters): Results on the third day of the Beckenham Grassroots Tennis Championships today (Prefix number denotes seeding):

Kimiko Date (Japan) beat Katie Rickert (Britain) 6-4 6-1, 11-Ronni Reis (US) beat Jo Lewis (Britain) 6-4 6-1, 6-Suzuko Inoue (Japan) beat Sandy Collins (US) 6-4 7-4, 3-Roslyn Fairbank (South Africa) beat 13-Meredith McGrath (US) 6-4 7-4, Louise Field (Australia) beat 8-Dona Faber (US) 6-4 6-2, Byron Talbot (South Africa) beat David Pate (US) 7-6 6-2, Simon Youl (Australia) beat 2-Kevin Curran (US) 7-6 3-6 12-10, Julie Salamon (Britain) beat Kristine Radford (Australia) 5-7 6-3 7-5, 2-Anne Minter (Australia) beat Karen Schlinger (South Africa) 6-4 6-3, 1-John McEnroe (US) beat 15-Glen Michibata (Canada) 6-2 6-2, 3-Christo van Rensburg (South Africa) beat 13-Nel Broad (South Africa) 6-3 3-6 6-3, 5-Paul Azamanga (US) beat Christina Saccausa (West Germany) 7-6 (7-5) 7-6 (7-2), Piet Norval (South Africa) beat 6-Patrick Kuhnert (West Germany) 7-5 6-1, Broderick Dyke (Australia) beat Mark Krutzmann (Australia) 6-6 7-6 (7-3) 6-1, Simon Youl (Australia) beat Leif Shiras (US), walkover.

English County Championship

LONDON, June 9, (Reuters): Close of play scores on the second day of three-day English County Championship cricket matches yesterday.

At Leicester: Yorkshire 246 in 82.2 overs, Leicestershire 108 for six (P. Willey 45 not out, C. Lewis 42).

At Northampton: Gloucestershire 118 in 36.1 overs and 31 for two, Northampton 236 in 84.1 (K. Curran seven for 69).

At Cardiff: No play - rain. Somerset 286 for eight (N. Burns 73 not out) v Glamorgan.

At Tisbury: Wells 243 in 86 overs (M. Benson 37, N. Taylor 48, C. Cowdrey 46, C. Wells three for 31), Sussex 40 for one off 24 overs.

At Nuneaton: Warwickshire 155 in 73.2 overs, Derbyshire 135 in 61.4 overs (A. Donald three for 38).

At Lord's: Middlesex 296 in 111.8 overs (M. Ramprakash 48), Nottinghamshire 116 for six off 43 overs.

At Basingstoke: Surrey 291 in 110 overs and 66 for two, Hampshire 251 for four declared in 76.4 overs (K. James 83 not out, D. Turner not out, M. Nicholas 51).

Lendl and Wilander get wild cards for Queen's event

LONDON, June 9, (Reuters): Ivan Lendl and Mats Wilander, both beaten at the French Open tennis championships this week, have been given wild cards entries for the London grass court event at Queen's Club next week.

Their entries mean the tournament now has three of the world's top four players, with Wimbledon champion Stefan Edberg of Sweden already due to compete. Only West German Boris Becker of the top four

will be absent.

Lendl has in recent years declined to take part in the tournament on the grounds that it was too difficult to play in the French Open final on Sunday and then at Queen's a day or two later.

But following his shock fourth-round defeat by 17-year-old Michael Chang on Monday, the Czechoslovak world number one has decided to take the opportunity to

compete on grass two weeks before the start of Wimbledon.

Wilander, who has said Wimbledon is his top priority for the year, bowed out of the French event on Wednesday, beaten by Andrei Chesnokov in the quarterfinals.

Defeat for the Swede there means he has now lost two of the three Grand Slam titles he won last year.

Americans Tim Mayotte and Paul

Annacone also have received wild cards for the 64-man tournament in London, which will offer prize money of £222,000 (\$355,000).

The Queen's Club tournament traditionally is the major men's preparatory tournament for Wimbledon. Lendl and Wilander each have won seven Grand Slam tournaments, but neither has won on the grass at Wimbledon.



Chang clenches his fist after beating Chesnokov. (Reuters wirephoto)

Chang in final

17-year-old makes French Open history

PARIS, June 9, (Reuters): Michael Chang, conqueror of world number one Ivan Lendl, became the youngest French Open tennis men's finalist when he defeated Andrei Chesnokov today.

The 17-year-old Chang, who will face either Stefan Edberg or Boris Becker in Sunday's final beat the unseeded Chesnokov 6-1 5-7 7-6 7-5 after the Russian had saved two matchpoints in a semifinal lasting four hours six minutes.

American Chang is nearly six months younger than Mats Wilander when he set the Roland Garros record in 1982 at the age of 17 years and nine months.

The Swede, beaten by Chesnokov in the quarterfinals this week, went on to win the title that year and has won it twice more since.

The 15th seeded Chang, who overcame a severe attack of cramps to beat Lendl in a fourth-round match lasting more than 4-

1/2 hours, said he was honoured to be the new record-holder. "It is definitely a dream," he said. "It makes me feel really good inside. Records are always made to be broken and I hope that this will encourage some of the other young players."

No American has won the French title since Tony Trabert in 1955, although four men have reached the final since 1976.

Chang, beaten in the third round last year by his fellow-countryman John McEnroe - an absentee this time - said he had not felt under pressure.

"I went out there pretty relaxed because I had got further than I expected and further than I did last year," he said.

Chesnokov, a quarterfinalist last year but appearing in his first French semifinal, saved two matchpoints while serving at 5-4 to Chang in the fourth set.

But Chang held his next service and broke the Soviet to 15 in the 12th game, with Chesnokov hitting a backhand error

on the third matchpoint.

"He took the risks when I should have been the one taking the risks," said a glum Chesnokov afterwards.

Chang, ranked 19th in the world, started in storming fashion, winning the first five games before Chesnokov managed to hold serve.

But the American, who won the fans' hearts for his brave fight against Lendl, found less favour today. When he repeatedly questioned calls and summoned the umpire from his chair to check the marks the 16,500 spectators whistled their displeasure.

They transferred their support to Chesnokov, cheering wildly when he pulled back from two breaks down in the second set to level at 3-3 and win the set on a service break as Chang mis-hit a smash.

Though Chang won the third-set tiebreak 7-4, Chesnokov, 27th in the world, took a 4-2 lead in the fourth before Chang's fighting spirit returned.



Sanchez jubilates after defeating Fernandez. (Reuters wirephoto)

Graf to face Sanchez in French Open final

PARIS, June 9, (Reuters): Steffi Graf, not used to having to fight, got a taste of possible things to come when 15-year-old Monica Seles put her through a hard semifinal at the French Open tennis championships yesterday.

Graf, aiming for her third consecutive title at Roland Garros, had to come from behind to beat Seles 6-3 3-6 6-3 and reach tomorrow's final against seventh seed Arantxa Sanchez.

Sanchez, 17, became the first Spanish woman to reach the French Open final when she beat American schoolgirl Mary-Joe Fernandez 6-2 6-2 in a one-sided baseline match which offered little entertainment after Seles's efforts earlier in the day.

The unseeded Seles, a Florida-based Yugoslav making her Grand Slam debut, was a break up in the deciding third set before Graf, the world number one, turned the match around.

Graf, who turns 20 next week and was the youngest ever French Open champion two years ago, had words of praise for her opponent but was angry with herself.

"It was not my day at all today," the West German said. "There was a chance of losing the match. I was just playing badly."

Seles, playing in her sixth professional tournament, had the honour of becoming only the third person this year to take a set off Graf, who had dropped no more than four games per match in the earlier rounds here.

Gabriela Sabatini, who lost in the fourth round here to Fernandez, beat Graf in Amelia Island in April and Chris Evert took a set off her in the family of the Florida Tennis Championship the previous month.

"Seles is someone to look forward to," said Graf, who has admitted to being bored by the easy matches she usually goes through.

"She is still only 15 and she needs more time, but she is already strong and can give some good matches," Graf added.

Seles, who hits hard with a double-fisted forehand and backhand, said she had broken the strings of six or seven rackets during the 97-minute match.

The Yugoslav broke Graf in the third game of the final set when the West German hit one of several backhand errors.

But Graf, who won all four Grand Slam titles last year, broke straight back and earned the decisive break in the eighth game before serving out to love for the match.

Sanchez, whose appearance in the Italian Open final last month put her into the world top 10 for the first time, started out in storming form, breaking Fernandez twice to go 3-0 up.

The 17-year-old Fernandez, who missed her high school graduation ceremony to come to Paris, played an impatient game and helped Sanchez with error after error.

Stage set for Champions Trophy

W. Germany to meet India in opener

WEST BERLIN, June 9, (Reuters): West Germany, hosts for the first time, are favourites to win the 11th Champions' Trophy, the annual hockey tournament between the world's top six nations which starts tomorrow.

The Germans, the Olympic silver medallists, have won the most important hockey event after the Olympics and World Cup on the last three occasions and are bidding to become the first nation to complete a fourth success.

The six nations taking part are the top-ranking sides from the Seoul Olympics - Britain, West Germany, the Netherlands, Australia, Pakistan and India. Of these, only Britain and India have failed to win the tournament.

The Germans are fancied because they have suffered fewer retirements than their rivals since the Olympics. Their impressive recent form includes a 4-0 win over the Dutch.

Britain, who finished last in the previous Champion's event in Lahore, have an all-English team, but because of retirements and unavailability include only six of their gold-medal winning Olympic side.

They won an international tournament in Amsterdam in March but last week were beaten 3-1 three times by Australia, the World Cup holders who, like West Germany, have won the Champions' Trophy on three occasions.

Britain play West Germany in a repeat of the Olympic final on the third day of the tournament on Monday.

The Germans open the tournament against India in tomorrow's only match. It may not be the easiest of games for them since they have been held to a draw by the Indians in four of their last five meetings.

The Germans have elected to meet Pakistan in the final match on Sunday week. Pakistan, hosts of the 1990 World Cup, were runners-up in the 1988 Champions' Trophy.

They have come to West Berlin with a team firmly based on their highly successful junior side.

Mansell to stay with Ferrari

MARANELLO, Italy, June 9, (Reuters): British Formula One racing driver Nigel Mansell will stay with the Ferrari team next season, Ferrari announced today.

In a brief statement Ferrari said his contract was also renewable for the 1991 season. It

gave no further details.

In a patchy season in which Ferrari's new car designed by John Barnard has not lived up to expectations, Mansell notched the team's only notable success by winning the first Grand Prix in Rio de Janeiro on March 26.

Since then Ferrari has been unplaced in four Grand Prix races.

The Italian sports press had speculated that Mansell might leave Ferrari in search of the World Drivers' Championship that has so far eluded him.



Nigel Mansell

Australian batsmen put English bowlers to sword

Waugh and Taylor hammer centuries

LEEDS, England, June 9, (Reuters): Steve Waugh led the onslaught with an unbeaten 174 as Australia's batsmen tore the England bowlers to shreds today to post 580 for six on the second day of the first cricket Test.

Both Waugh and opener Mark Taylor scored maiden Test centuries, Taylor falling in the morning session for 136. Waugh's masterful innings included 24 boundaries.

With captain Allan Border deciding against a declaration, tailender Merv Hughes weighed in during the final session with his first Test half century to be unbeaten on 63 at the close.

It was a day of unremitting toil for England as Australia, resuming on 207 for three after having been sent in by David Gower on Thursday, went on the attack from the start.

Taylor, playing in only his third Test and his first against England, set the tone. Starting on 96 he went to his century with a leg glance off the 13th ball of the day and then cracked six more boundaries, four of them in classical fashion through the covers.

His fourth-wicket partnership with Dean Jones added 99 in only 35 overs before Taylor, after facing 315 balls, finally lost concentration. Swinging wildly across the line, he was leg before to paceman Neil Foster, England's best bowler.

But that gave England no respite at all. Waugh took his place



Australian batsman David Boon (left) turns to the pavilion after Burns dismissed by a jubilant Neil Foster. (Reuters wirephoto)

and with a succession of perfectly-timed drives and savage cuts he raced to his century from only 124 balls.

Jones also looked set for a century but when he had reached 79 - a more sedate scoring tempo requiring 172 balls - seamer Phil Newport made one rear off a length and found the outside of his bat. Wicketkeeper Jack Russell took the catch.

Newport had a second success 30 runs later, catching Ian Healy for 16 off his own bowling. But by then Australia had reached 441 for six and already England's only hope was to salvage a draw.

With Border deciding against a declaration, Hughes provided the final humiliation for the tired England attack as 139 were added in the final two hours.

Not since the Halcyon days of



Allan Border, Australian skipper, hits the ball past England's Graham Gooch during his stroke-filled innings. (Reuters wirephoto)

Sir Donald Bradman had England suffered such a thrashing by Australia at the Yorkshire headquarters.

Already it is Australia's sixth highest test total in England and within four run so far being their best ever score at this Headingley ground, made in 1934.

Such was the class and confidence of Waugh that it was puzzling that it has taken him 27

tired England team an hour's batting today.

Even so, England will have to occupy the crease for almost all of the final three days if they are to avoid defeat.

Yesterday Taylor, with a top score of 36 in his two Test appearances, and Allan Border wrestled the initiative away from England in the first Test after David Gower, captaining his country in a Test for the first time for three years, gambled by putting the Australians in.

It was a gamble which looked as if it might pay off when the touring team lost Geoff Marsh and David Boon in the space of four overs after lunch to slip to 57 for two.

Scoreboard
AUSTRALIA first innings (overnight 207 for three)

G. Marsh lbw b DeFreitas 16
M. Taylor lbw b Foster 136
D. Boon c Russell b Foster 9
A. Border c Russell b DeFreitas 66
D. Jones c Russell b Newport 79
S. Waugh not out 174
I. Healy c and b Newport 16
M. Hughes not out 63
Extras (lb-13 nb-7 w-1) 21
Total (for six wickets) 590
Fall of wickets: 1-44 2-57 3-174 4-273 5-411 6-441

To bat: G. Lawson, T. Alderman, G. Campbell

Bowling to date: DeFreitas 43-7-128-2, Foster 43-13-100-2, Newport 39-5-153-2, Pringle 33-5-123-0, Gooch 9-1-31-0, Barnett 6-0-32-0

ENGLAND: G. Gooch, C. Broad, D. Gower (captain), A. Lamb, R. Smith, K. Barnett, J. Russell, P. Newport, D. Pringle, P. DeFreitas, N. Foster.

Mercedes to start Le Mans from the front

LE MANS, France, June 9, (Reuters): Mercedes will start the 57th Le Mans 24-hour motor race from the front row of the grid after beating the on-form British Jaguars in two nights of qualifying.

The team, which withdrew its cars from last year's race after a high-speed tyre blowout in practice, returned to the French road circuit in triumph with two of its three cars at the head of the 60 entries.

Jean-Louis Schlesser of France will be in pole position for tomorrow's start but fastest man at Le Mans was northern Irishman Kenny Acheson, who took his Mercedes through the speed-trap on the daunting Mulsanne straight at 404 kph.

"I didn't notice the speed. The car was rock-steady, and I'm just sorry the rest of the lap was not quick enough to give me pole," Acheson said. His time was just .63 of a second slower than Schlesser's record three minutes 15.04 seconds for the 13.6-km circuit.

Jaguar drivers Jan Lammers of the Netherlands and Derek Daly of Ireland gave the British manufacturer the second row of the grid, with West German Hans Stuck's Joest Porsche fifth fastest alongside the third of four Jaguars racing here.

Highest-placed Japanese car on the grid is the British-crewed Nissan R89C of Julian Bailey, Mark Blundell and Martin Donnelly, which was 12th fastest.

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